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## **POLICY SECTION 103: Goals of Education**

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The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that the goal of education is to develop in its students the skills, attitudes, values and understandings essential for a successful and satisfying life wherever they choose to live. This can be achieved if education is seen as an integral part of the lifestyle of the community. It should not be an extension of the community but part of it. All community members should be active participants.

More specifically the goals include:

- To respect and promote cultural heritage and cultural pride;
- To ensure the survival of our language;
- To promote and encourage the hiring of qualified First Nations teachers/educators;
- To develop and implement school programs, in accordance with direction from the community, that represent the promotion and achievement of community goals, values and ideas;
- To plan school programs around the unique needs of individual students;
- To develop administrative and methodological practices which are most conducive to the goals of the community, as well as to the individual needs of the students;
- To involve community members in all aspects of school life;
- To provide professional assistance and guidance to student teachers;
- To encourage the development of community volunteer programs in order to enhance school activities;
- To ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to participate in those learning activities that are most beneficial in developing their potential as individuals;
- To facilitate the development of local resources as learning tools and to provide an effective system for optimal use of local resource materials;
- To promote student responsibility for their own learning;
- To create “interest centres,” within each particular subject area, to provide students with opportunities to pursue their interests, at their own pace, and in their own way;
- To develop on-going professional programs for staff;
- To develop on-going professional programs for students;
- To develop on-going programs for evaluation techniques;
- To develop an effective system for compiling, storing and reporting student progress;
- To develop and maintain continuous two-way communication between the school and the community;
- To develop the school as an education/recreation centre that is accessible to all community members;
- To encourage and promote the development of a student representative council which will take responsibility for initiating, developing, and maintaining student activities, both intramural and inter-school sports, social activities, drama, school news, yearbook, etc.;
- To make the most effective use of each teacher’s/ student’s skills, abilities and interests;
- To ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to master new technologies.