



POLICY SECTION 203: Role of the Board of Education – Powers and Duties

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Board of Education has been delegated responsibility and authority by the Mohawk Council to provide leadership and direction for all educational matters. The powers of the Board lie in its action as an elected body. Individual Board members exercise their authority only as they vote to make decisions at duly convened meetings of the Board. The Board intends to carry out its responsibilities within the following areas:

1. **Policy:** The Board assumes responsibility for the development and approval of policy that determines guidelines for its schools, and will employ a Director of Education to implement its policies.
2. **Evaluation:** The Board assumes responsibility for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.
3. **Finance:** The Board assumes responsibility for the adoption of an annual budget that will provide adequate resources to meet the needs of the education system and to carry out the Board's policies.
4. **Personnel:** The Board assumes responsibility for the employment of all education employees and the application of human resource policies in accordance with Canada Labour Code regulations and the collective agreement.
5. **Educational Planning and Evaluation:** The Board assumes responsibility for establishing educational goals that will guide both the Board and its employees toward the continuing improvement of the educational program and system. The Board is responsible for providing for the ongoing evaluation of the school programs and services in terms of its goals and objectives.
6. **Student Transportation System:** The Board assumes responsibility for operation of a safe and efficient student transportation system.
7. **Community Relations:** The Board assumes responsibility for promoting education and involving community members in the educational process. The Board assumes responsibility for providing adequate means for keeping the community informed about its schools and programs, and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the educational needs of the community.
8. **Facilities and Grounds:** The Board assumes responsibility for all education facilities and grounds in Akwesasne.

While the Board retains ultimate responsibility for the above areas, they delegate these responsibilities to the Director of Education who in turn, may delegate some of these responsibilities to other Board employees.



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GUIDELINES

The Board of Education has been delegated responsibility for the following:

1. The Board is responsible for the oversight of the administrative and financial management of the education programs. The Board, as delegated to the Director of Education, will establish an annual education budget.
2. The Board is responsible for developing education policies and evaluating Board programs.
3. The Board is responsible for promoting education and involving the community in the education process.
4. The Board is responsible for the employment of all educational staff.
5. The Board is responsible for conducting research and evaluation of the education program.
6. The Board has the power to delegate responsibility to the Director of Education.
7. The Board will examine policies being considered by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and monitor the effectiveness of the federal and provincial education system.
8. The Board will ensure there is open communication between the Board of Education, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and the community.
9. The Board will operate and maintain a student transportation system that provides for the efficient and safe transportation of its students.
10. The Board will plan for, monitor, and oversee the educational facilities designated and operated for the purposes of supporting the educational programs and services for the community of Akwesasne.