

In March, the GNWT presented the parties with two options to approach K-12 Education. The GNWT indicated either option was acceptable and now asks that DFN confirm that Option 2 is their preference.

CHAPTER K - KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 EDUCATION

DEFINITIONS

“Student” means a person enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12 in the Settlement Area.

K.1 JURISDICTION

K.1.1 The Dehcho Government has Jurisdiction in the Settlement Area with respect to the kindergarten to grade 12 education of Students residing in the Settlement Area.¹

K.1.2 Laws passed by the Dehcho Government under K.1.1 will establish learning outcomes, curriculum, examination and other standards that permit transfers of Students between school systems in the Northwest Territories at a similar level of achievement and permit entry to provincial and territorial post-secondary education systems.

K.1.3 When exercising its jurisdiction pursuant to section 11.1.1 the Dehcho Government shall ensure that:

- (a) all persons aged 5 years by December 31 of the school year and not older than 21 years have access to kindergarten to grade 12 education in a regular instructional setting in the Settlement Area; and
- (b) teacher certification standards set by the Dehcho Government meet or exceed territorial standards for teacher certification.

K.1.4 The Dehcho Government may create exemptions to subsection 11.1.3 where:

- (a) a Student has reached the age of sixteen years and has been expelled from school;

¹ Insert the following clause in Culture, Land and Heritage Chapter: The Dehcho Government may make laws with respect to certification of persons who teach Dehcho Dene and Metis culture and history and Dene Zhatie.

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- (b) the health and safety of, or the delivery of education to, a Student or other Students would be jeopardized by the presence of a Student in a regular instructional setting; or
- (c) program, medical or behavioural reasons warrant an exemption.

K.1.5 In the event of a Conflict between a Dehcho Government Law made pursuant to K.1.1 and a Federal Law or Territorial Law, the Dehcho Government Law prevails to the extent of the Conflict.

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K.2 CONSULTATION

K.2.1 The Government of the Northwest Territories shall Consult with the Dehcho Government with respect to changes to teacher certification standards.