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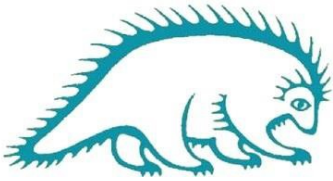
Consent to Release Information

Each year the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) and School District 22 (SD22) negotiate what is called a "Local Education Agreement" (renewed annually). This document lays-out the responsibilities of both the OKIB and SD22, along with a process used to inform OKIB about students who are experiencing challenges, whether the student is in need of additional school supports or the student facing suspension.

When a student is experiencing challenges the school cannot contact OKIB directly because parental consent has not yet been given. Previously, there was no formal mechanism for parents to provide their consent should they so choose. This has become a barrier for OKIB's Education Department to provide supports and assistance to students in need. Therefore, OKIB and SD22 have created a **Consent to Release Information**.

When consent to release information is given, then the OKIB Education coordinator and/or School Liaison is able to communicate with SD22 teachers, education support workers, school councillors and administration to address the students needs to ensure academic success. Without consent, it makes it very difficult for OKIB Education staff to help students and their parents. It is OKIB's intention is to ensure that all students and parents are receiving equitable services and are not feeling isolated with their child's educational needs.

This does not mean that the OKIB Education coordinator and/or School Liaison would be contacting schools at random regarding students but rather OKIB is informed when important decisions, such as Educational Assessments, Special Education Placements, Course Planning, Dogwood Grad Track, IEPs and Suspensions (as an example) are being made in regards to the education of OKIB students.



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To ensure that OKIB students are receiving the assistance and supports required from their respective school a consent form is required to be signed by the parent or guardian of each child.

Name of Student:			
Name of Parent or Guardian:			
Name of School:		Grade	
Date:			

I _____ give permission to the Okanagan Indian Band
Parent/Guardian

Education staff to receive and be notified of information pertaining to my son/daughter's education.

I understand that any information shared will be kept private and confidential and will be available for authorized staff only

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Oath of Confidentiality: (Education Coordinator/and or School Liaison to sign each school year)

I _____ as the OKIB Education Coordinator/or School Liaison do hereby swear that all information received about the above named student/s will be kept in the strictest of confidence. I fully understand the implications of releasing information about the above named student to any source and will maintain their confidentiality.

 Education Coordinator/School Liaison Date

c.c School File, OKIB Education File

This Consent Form is effective for the period the student is attending school within SD22 unless revoked in writing by the student's parents, or by the student if she/he is 18 years or older.