

Overview of Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction recognizes a First Nation's law-making authority over their education system from K4 - grade 12. This will allow the First Nation to pass laws regarding their education system that are in the best interest of their communities and members.

Scope of Jurisdiction

First Nations will be able to exercise jurisdiction over K4 – grade 12 education on their land in accordance with a Canada-First Nation Education Jurisdiction Agreement (Education Jurisdiction Agreement).

Some areas of authority are jointly exercised with other Participating First Nations through the First Nations Education Authority (FNEA). These include:

- Teacher Certification
- School Certification
- Graduation Requirements
- Curriculum and course approval

Approval Process

In order for a First Nation to exercise jurisdiction over education, the community must first provide their approval by ratifying the Education Jurisdiction Agreement and the First Nation's Education Law-Making Protocol. After a First Nation completes the ratification process, it will assume control over its education system and begin to exercise its jurisdiction.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q *How does the First Nation ratification process work?*
- A In order for the ratification of the Education Jurisdiction Agreement and the Education Law-Making Protocol to be successful, [50% plus 1] of those community members who cast a ballot must vote in favour of the agreement and the protocol.
- Q *Does [50% +1] of the entire community have to vote in favour for ratification to be successful?*
- A No. The entire community has to be given the opportunity to vote, but [only 50% +1] of those who actually cast a ballot have to vote in favour for ratification to be successful.
- Q *What happens if ratification is unsuccessful?*
- A In the event that ratification is unsuccessful, the First Nation may attempt to ratify the agreement and the protocol again through another vote, or choose not to pursue jurisdiction.
- Q *Who approves the Funding Agreement?*
- A Chief and Council are responsible for approving the *Canada-First Nation Education Jurisdiction Funding Agreement*.



First Nation Jurisdiction Over Education Ratification and Pre-implementation Process

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