

K-12 Nominal Roll

Student Eligibility

Who is eligible to be funded to attend elementary schools?

To be eligible for INAC funding and on the Nominal Roll, a student must be able to say **YES** to **ALL THREE** of the following:

1. Be enrolled in AND attending a:
 - a. Band Operated School or
 - b. Provincial School or
 - c. Private/Independent School recognized by the province in which the school is located as elementary/secondary institution.

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2. Be at least 4 years of age on December 31st of the school year. Students aged 19 and over must have their Indian Registry System number to be eligible for funding.

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3. Be ordinarily resident on reserve lands that are leased and is not a registered Indian, they are NOT eligible to be funded.

Ordinarily resident on reserve means that the student lives at a civic address on reserve, is a child in joint custody who lives on reserve most of the time, or is staying on reserve and has not usual home elsewhere. Students continue to be considered ordinarily resident on reserve if they return to live on reserve with their parents, guardians or maintainers during the year, even if the student lives elsewhere while attending school or working at a summer job.

If the parent(s) has established an address within provincial jurisdiction this implies that they are not “ordinarily on reserve” nor are their dependents.

In the case of a child in the care of a Family and Child Services Agency, the residency of the child is determined by the residency of the family with whom the child is placed.

If you require further information regarding the Waiver Forms and eligibility please don't hesitate to contact Stacy Hulbert at 604-824-2676 Or Email: stacy.hulbert@stolonation.bc.ca

Common Questions

I am unclear whether a student is eligible to be on the Nominal Roll. What should I do?

If you are the parent or guardian, contact your Education Coordinator at the Band Office or Administering Authority.

Is a non-registered child who is ordinarily resident on reserve eligible to receive tuition funding if the child is attending a PROVINCIAL school?

No, that child is the responsibility of the province. If the child meets all the requirements than INAC would fund Comprehensive Instructional Service and Ancillary Services (see sections on these topics) only. However, if that child was living on reserve and attending a BAND OPERATED school, then they would be entitled to receive tuition funding provided that they did not reside on leased land.

There is a parent and their registered school aged child that has a residence off reserve however indicate that they are ordinarily resident on reserve. Is the school aged child eligible?

“Ordinarily resident on reserve” means that a student lives on reserve and has a permanent address there. If the parent has established an address within provincial jurisdiction, this implies that they are not “ordinarily resident on reserve” and as such nor are their dependents. However, if the parent and student maintain a permanent address on reserve, they may still be considered “ordinarily resident on reserve” even if the student attends school elsewhere.

Can a foster/adopted child be eligible?

Yes, if they are ordinarily resident on reserve and meet all the other requirements as of the count date.

We have non-registered students ordinarily resident on reserve on leased lands. Are these students eligible?

No, non-registered students residing on leased lands are not eligible for tuition funding or to be included on the Nominal Roll. Registered students ordinarily resident on leased lands on reserve are however eligible.

How can parents become more involved in their children's education?

Parental involvement in education is important. Parents can check with their local band office or Parental Advisory Group to see if there is a way for them to become involved. The First Nations Schools Association has organized a Parents Club for First Nations Parents. Parents can learn more by calling 1-877-422-3672.