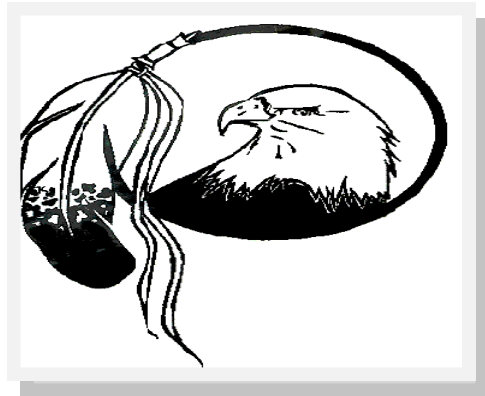


## What is Aboriginal Education?

Aboriginal Education Strategy is helping First Nations and Métis students achieve their full potential.

The strategy includes initiatives that support learning and achievement for Aboriginal students. It also raises awareness about First Nation and Métis cultures, histories and perspectives in classrooms across the division.



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## First Nations & Metis Education Unit



**Northern Lights**  
**School Division #113**



## ***Vision of Northern Lights School Division #113***

Students of Northern Lights School Division will have enhanced life experiences by developing skill, knowledge, and attitudes within the cultural context of engaged Northern Communities.



## ***Cultural Affirmation and School Climate***

In order for learning to take place, students must feel that the school reflects their cultural community. We know from experience and research that many Aboriginal students in the province do not find schools to be culturally affirming places. Our recommendations in this area are aimed at ensuring that schools promote the well being of each individual and community by affirming the cultures, traditions, languages, spirituality, and world views of all the students.

(Excerpt from Aboriginal Education Provincial Advisory Committee Action Plan, 2000-2005)



## **Quotations:**

*First Nations & Metis students feel empowered when contents in the curricula reflect their cultural beliefs.*

*(Sue Carriere, 2012)*

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*When we value the skills and abilities of our people, we value ourselves and our place in the world. Self worth is the foundation we must build upon.*

*(Curtis Chandler, 2012)*

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*Aboriginal education allows students to gain cultural identity.*

*(Donna Montgrand, 2012)*

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*Aboriginal Education is an integral part of our children's identity. It promotes success and pride in our children and our communities.*

*(Kristianna Mercredi 2012)*

