

Administrative Procedure 150

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Background

Northern Gateway School Division recognizes the historical significance and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures and understands the important role that the Indigenous community plays today and in the future. As such, the Division recognizes the importance of honoring and acknowledging both Treaty 6 and 8 territories as we work towards strengthening relations and building bridges with our neighboring Indigenous communities.

Definition

In the context of Indigenous cultures, “traditional territory” refers to a specific place within Alberta that has been a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, Métis. Over 47 different First Nations are represented across Alberta.

Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement

Welcome to Northern Gateway School Division.

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional meeting grounds, gathering place and travelling route to the Nakota Sioux, Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Metis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

Treaty 8 Acknowledgement Statement

Welcome to Northern Gateway School Division.

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 8 Territory, the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene and Metis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.



Procedures

1. Division staff will acknowledge the Treaty territory with the acknowledgement statement at all board meetings and hosted public and/or community events and gatherings when held on treaty territory.
 - 1.1 Within the Division, Treaty 6 territory includes: Onoway, Darwell, Rich Valley, Grasmere, Sangudo, Mayerthorpe, Whitecourt.
 - 1.2 Within the Division, Treaty 8 territory includes: Fox Creek, Valleyview, Falher/Debolt.

2. Principals and school staff will acknowledge the Treaty territory with the acknowledgement statement at significant school and/or community special events, celebrations and gatherings when held on Treaty territory. These include but are not limited to:
 - 2.1 Graduation Ceremonies
 - 2.2 Achievement Celebrations
 - 2.3 Parent/School Assemblies
 - 2.4 Opening Day Exercises
 - 2.5 Banquets and Long Service Awards
 - 2.6 Division Inservices/Workshops

Reference: Education Act 222, Preamble Page 11 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (2015) United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People Alberta Human Rights Act	
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References shall be updated as required and do not require additional approval.