

Gesgapegiag Education Services



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Computer Lab with an IT Instructor:

All grade levels have computer technology integrated into their schedule.



Smart Boards: All classrooms are equipped with smart boards and computers that are used for instruction by students and teachers.

Cultural Program Content:



History, language, culture and art services are provided by Migmag language specialist, elders familiar with traditional teachings and Migmag arts. Regular Teachers also integrate native content into the regular curriculum.

After School Clubs: In an effort to improve school life and support our students, the school offers after school clubs. Our staff provide after school clubs that include sports and homework club throughout the year.

Hot Lunch Program:

Wejgwapniag students are fortunate to have a hot lunch program. The menu follows the Health Canada Food Guide, we have two cooks who are certified in food handling and safety, and the teachers or teacher-aids always supervise lunch hours.



The tuition rate received for each child attending a band school is as follows:

INAC Band School Tuition Rates			
Pre-Kindergarten	\$1,813	Elementary	\$4,951
Kindergarten	\$3,626	Secondary	\$5,579

Despite the difference in funding and resources, Wejgwapniag School provides a program that respects the Quebec Ministry of Education program. Services provided to students at Wejgwapniag School are as follows. This year the French language and math programs for Secondary I & II were increased by 150 hours and 160 hours respectively. Wejgwapniag School services are delivered by a team of fully qualified homeroom teachers supported by a team composed of teacher-aids and professionals in their efforts of providing a good quality service to our students.

Special Needs: Individual Education Plans are developed for all students with special needs. Assessments are provided by specialists and doctors, and a qualified special needs coordinator assures follow-up and support. Remedial services are also provided on a one to one basis to students requiring the service. All special needs students are fully integrated; teachers are supported by teacher aids and an Autistic Behavior Analyst.



Library: Library services are also available with the services of a librarian. We have a special corner for the little ones in the library.

Overview of Gesgapegiag Education Services

Gesgapegiag Education Services provides a variety of education services to students from Pre-kindergarten to elementary to secondary and post-secondary levels. As with all band programs, the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band Council signs all financial agreements with the federal government and by this fact, Gesgapegiag Education Services is under the administrative responsibility of the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band Council.



However, Gesgapegiag Education Services is governed by a Board of Education that is a policy making board, composed of 7 registered members of the Gesgapegiag Band. The Gesgapegiag Board of Education is an elected board and in 2015 had its 2nd election. The members are Amanda Larocque (chairperson), Jimmy Martin (vice-chairperson), Lynn Jerome, Shannon Gedeon, Wanda Jerome, Wendy Martin, and Andrew Martin.

The board of education meets on a monthly basis throughout the school year and is updated by the Director of Education and principle on the services being delivered by education services. Issues regarding school and education policy may addressed and are approved by the board of education and sanctioned by the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band Council.

In an effort to improve overall services, this school year education services and the board of education has begun a restructuring process for education services that will last a couple of years.



Post-Secondary Student Support Program

The Gesgapegiag Education Services Post-Secondary Education Assistance Program adopted in July 2012 is a policy created within the framework of the federal government's program and policy guidelines. The primary objective of Gesgapegiag Education Services in administering the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSP) is to assist eligible registered band members to a post-secondary education. The Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band Council however have always topped up the living allowances dictated by the federal governments PSSP.

This program provides funding for payment of college, cegep, and university tuition fees for our members and a monthly student living allowance for full time students, books and travel. Support may also be provided for part-time or distance education in officially recognized post-secondary institutions, funding always depends on the availability of funds.

Room & Board

This service is provided to students that have no alternative but to attend a school away from their community. Room and board allocations, in most cases, are paid directly to the service provider (the family with which the child has been boarded). The rates are as follows:

- Boarding seven days a week - \$430/month
- Boarding five days a week - \$325/month

Student Allowance

INAC provides a student allocation for **secondary level** students and is an incentive for attending school.

- Students up to 17 years of age in the regular school system, the rate is \$10/month
- Students aged 18 and up, the rate is \$20/month.

Graduation Clothing — up to \$200 is provided. In the case of First Nation schools, this applies only for communities that offer Secondary School Programming.

Off-Reserve School Services

All students that live in a municipality are obligated to attend the school closest to their residence. Provincial school boards in this way are able to secure funding and resources for their local schools that are necessary to provide for education services to the children of their communities.

In addition to what the province and school boards provide public schools, the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band pays for tuition fees for each student.

The rates for provincial tuition fees for each student are the following:

Provincial tuition rates			
Pre-K. Part-time	\$3,797	Elementary	\$7,920
Pre-K. Full-time	\$7,593	Secondary	\$8,195
Kindergarten	\$7,593		

Wejgwapniag School (On-Reserve School Services)

For the first time in many years, Wejgwapniag School has a Parent School Committee to support the school and student activities. This committee is composed of five members and these are Andrew Martin the president, and the parents /grandparents Norma Condo,



Nora Gould, Kateri Martin and Jackie Martin. The committee has been active in supporting different school activities such as report card days, the book fair and fund raising for the archery club and other activities like tube sliding.