

Administrative Procedure 303

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

Background

A student may be legally defined as "independent" upon reaching the age of sixteen (16), and is entitled to exercise all available rights and powers as well as receive all available benefits under the School Act.

Procedures

1. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate the process in order to be declared an independent student.
2. The independent student status of the student may be revoked upon written notice from the Principal if the student returns to live with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. An independent student is entitled to exercise all the rights and powers; receive all the benefits; and is subject to all the obligations under the School Act that the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) are entitled to exercise, receive or be subject to. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall not exercise those rights, receive those benefits or be subject to those obligations.
4. A student who wishes to be declared independent shall make written application to the Principal and include the following:
 - 4.1 Statement of age, which must be sixteen (16) or older.
 - 4.2 Statement of residence that is not the same as the parent(s)/guardian(s) address.
 - 4.3 Statement from parent(s)/guardian(s) declaring the student independent.
 - 4.4 Statement from student outlining a plan for maintenance.
5. Upon receipt of a completed application, the Principal shall review and sign the form to indicate receipt of it, before placing in the student's file.
6. Independent students are subject to all other admission requirements for the Division as outlined in Administrative Procedures 300 – Student Entrance Age, 301 – Attendance of Non-Alberta Students and 302 – Admission of Non-Catholic Students.

Reference: Section 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 21, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act