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Preamble: Rooted in Snuneymuxw Teachings

For generations, our Snuneymuxw Elders have upheld education as a sacred responsibility. They have reminded us that our children carry the future of our Nation, each child is a light for the next generation, and their learning is a shared journey between families, community, and ancestors.

This policy guides how education funds received through federal transfer agreements are used to support the learning journeys of Snuneymuxw children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12. While these funds come from federal sources, our Nation determines how to steward them with integrity, transparency, and alignment with Snuneymuxw values.

Vision Statement

Snuneymuxw First Nation Education is committed to walking beside our learners and their families through every stage of their educational path. Our vision is to create an environment where children and youth are equipped to succeed in school and in life with support that reflects our community's values, our teachings, and our responsibility to each other.

1. Elementary Students (K-Grade 7)

1.1 School Supplies

- SFN will pay directly to public schools that provide school supplies to enrolled Snuneymuxw students.
- Where supplies are not provided by the school, SFN will issue a Staples Gift Card.

1.2 Parent/Guardian Forms

 Parents/guardians must submit a signed Registration Form and Consent Form to receive school supply funding.



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1.3 Tutoring Support

 SFN provides up to \$750 per student per school year for tutoring, based on budget availability.

2. High School Students (Grades 8-12)

2.1 Monthly Student Allowance

- Grades 8–10: \$80/month
- Grades 11–12: \$120/month
- Must be on the Nominal Roll as of September 30 and live on reserve.
- Signed Registration and Consent Forms required.
- Attendance required (no more than 5 absences/month).

2.2 Tutoring Access

• Available upon family or student request.

2.3 Graduation Year Support

- Families must notify the Education Team about students in Grade 12.
- Annual graduation support is available.

3. Private School Students

3.1 Tuition Support

• SFN provides up to \$9,800 annually for private school tuition.

3.2 Additional Costs

Families are responsible for costs beyond tuition.

3.3 Out-of-Area Requests

- Pre-approval must be submitted by July 1.
- Up to \$2,500 may be available.



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3.4 Tuition Recovery

• Families must repay prorated tuition if the student withdraws.

3.5 Tutoring

Available upon request, based on annual budget.

4. Eligibility for Education Support

4.1 To be eligible for education support students must be:

- 4-19 years old by December 31.
- a registered Snuneymuxw First Nation member or status First Nations person residing on Snuneymuxw land.
- enrolled in a recognized education institution.
- on the Indigenous Services Canada Nominal Roll.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Families and Students

- Submit complete and accurate documentation.
- Maintain school attendance and notify Education of changes.

5.2 SFN Education Department

• Manage funding with transparency and alignment with community needs.