

MANITOBA EDUCATION COUNCIL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible to apply to be on the Manitoba Education Council?

Manitoba residents who are a parent/caregiver to a student in the publicly funded K to 12 education system are eligible to apply.

2. What will the Manitoba Education Council do?

The Manitoba Education Council will provide strategic advice to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning in the implementation of *Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan*; monitor progress on the implementation of the plan; and create a forum to raise and discuss issues/topics that are facing K to 12 education.

3. Who will the Manitoba Education Council report to?

The Education Council will report to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. The Deputy Minister will chair the Education Council.

4. What responsibilities will the Manitoba Education Council have?

The Education Council will

- provide strategic guidance on the implementation of *Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan*
- create a forum to raise, discuss, and plan for issues facing children, families, teachers, school staff, and early childhood educators
- advise how Manitoba can improve student achievement and well-being across the education system
- promote inter-sectoral engagement, collaboration, and partnership

5. What are the criteria on which applications will be reviewed?

Manitoba parents/caregivers who apply to be a part of the Manitoba Education Council will answer questions that are included on the application form. Applicants should

- reside in Manitoba
- be a parent/caregiver to a student in the publicly funded K to 12 education system

- have an interest in improving student learning and well-being in K to 12 education
- have general knowledge about student and school needs from a parental/caregiver perspective
- be aware of *Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan* (available at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/action_plan/index.html) and the *Report of the Commission on K to 12 Education* (available at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/publications.html)
- be able to commit to a two-year term and attend virtual and/or in-person meetings called at least four times a year
- not be a current employee of the Manitoba government

6. My child is no longer enrolled in the K to 12 education system. Can I still apply?

Eligible applicants must be a parent/caregiver to a student currently enrolled in the publicly funded K to 12 education system for the duration of their two-year term.

7. I am a parent to a student in a funded independent school. Can I still apply?

Yes, funded independent schools are a part of Manitoba's publicly funded education system. For a list of current funded independent schools in Manitoba, refer to the *Schools in Manitoba* directory (available at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/index.html) or conduct a Schools in Manitoba Search at https://web36.gov.mb.ca/school/school?action=top_page.

8. I am a parent to a student in a non-funded independent school. Can I still apply?

No, non-funded independent schools and homeschool programs are not part of Manitoba's publicly funded education system. For a list of current non-funded independent schools in Manitoba, refer to the *Schools in Manitoba* directory (available at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/index.html) or conduct a Schools in Manitoba Search at https://web36.gov.mb.ca/school/school?action=top_page.

9. When is the deadline for applications?

Completed applications are to be submitted online or to agenbrdcom@gov.mb.ca no later than November 30, 2022, at midnight. Late applications will not be accepted.

10. What is the time commitment?

Members must be able to commit to a two-year term and attend virtual and/or in-person meetings called at least four times a year. The first meeting is anticipated to occur in January 2023.

11. What benefit would I get from serving on the Manitoba Education Council?

The Education Council provides members with the chance to contribute to the continuous improvement of the K to 12 education system and gain new insight and experience in K to 12 system planning and operations. Members will be able to develop and demonstrate leadership skills, and will experience sitting on a council, meeting and working alongside a diverse council of key education stakeholder organizations, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, Indigenous rights holders, and academics. Each member will receive a formal recognition of participation certificate, signed by the Minister, at the end of their term.

12. Will expenses related to attending Education Council meetings be covered?

Yes. Members shall be paid reasonable travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses, as per Manitoba guidelines, that are incurred in discharging duties in connection with the council.

If you have questions about the Manitoba Education Council, you may email them to CIB@gov.mb.ca.