

Administrative Procedure 154

Treaty 6 Acknowledgement

Background:

The Division recognizes the historical significance and contributions of the Aboriginal Peoples and their cultures and understands the important role that the Aboriginal community plays today and in the future. And as such, the Division recognizes the importance of honoring and acknowledging Treaty 6 territory as we work towards strengthening relations and building bridges with our neighboring Aboriginal communities.

Definition:

In the context of Aboriginal cultures, “traditional territory” refers to a specific place within Alberta and Saskatchewan that has been a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to many Indigenous peoples.

Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge that the ancestral and traditional lands on which we gather are Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis.

Procedures:

1. Division Staff will acknowledge the Treaty 6 territory with the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement at all hosted public and/or community events and gatherings, examples of these events would include:
 - a. Opening Day Exercises
 - b. Holiday Day Banquet and Long Service Awards
2. Administrators and school staff will acknowledge the Treaty 6 territory with the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement at significant school and/or community special events, celebrations and gatherings where members of the community or parents are in attendance, examples of these events would include:
 - a. Graduation Ceremonies
 - b. Achievement Celebration

- c. Parent Assemblies
- 3. The acknowledgement statement is not to be used as part of daily routines and procedures, examples of these procedures would include:
 - a. Morning announcements
 - b. Staff Meetings
- 4. The acknowledgement may be made at any appropriate time during the Opening Remarks.

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