



Student Records Regulations updates Have Your Say



Why update the *Student Records Regulations*?

The Office of the Auditor General of Canada provided feedback on how the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) collected and used education system data. It identified areas of improvement to help address current gaps.

The proposed updates will improve data exchange between education bodies and the GNWT and bring the regulations into alignment with the transition to a new Northwest Territories adapted curriculum. They will define who can access Student Records and how that information can be used. Data access will be improved. Those changes will help GNWT make informed decisions that will improve NWT students' outcomes.

What are the proposed changes?

The proposed changes to the regulations introduce mechanisms for the exchange of student records information. These new mechanisms will clearly define what information can be shared and who can access it.

The proposed mechanisms would:

- Allow the Minister to access student records to evaluate school programs and monitor student progress.

- Allow school staff to disclose information in a student record to an education body or to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment.

Terminology used in the current version of the regulations has many references to the Alberta curriculum that we are transitioning away from. The new language is more generic and applies to our new Northwest Territories adapted curriculum.

What is the timeline?

The public engagement period is open until January 24, 2025. Once it is over, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment will review the feedback received. It will then determine if reviews to the proposed changes are necessary. The changes to the regulations are expected to come into force later in 2025.

How do I provide feedback?

You can share your feedback by email at educationoperations@gov.nt.ca.

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