

Manitoba Education Student Advisory Council

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply to be on the Student Advisory Council?

Manitoba youth who are 14 to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2021, are eligible to apply. Students who are employees of the province (for example, STEP program, Conservation and Climate Green Team) are not eligible.

What will the Student Advisory Council do?

The Student Advisory Council will provide insights and advice to the Minister of Education regarding issues/topics that are current and emerging for Manitoba Kindergarten to Grade 12 students.

What are the criteria on which applications will be reviewed?

Members must:

- reside in Manitoba
- be between the ages of 14 and 18 as of September 1, 2021
- represent the diversity of Manitoba students
- demonstrate knowledge about issues related to education
- demonstrate the ability to work on a team
- demonstrate the ability to engage and learn in respectful, open discussions and be accepting of differing viewpoints
- be able to serve for one year

When is the deadline for applications?

The deadline is May 10, 2021.

What is the time commitment?

The Student Advisory Council is expected to meet three to four times within its one-year mandate; however, there may also be some sub-meetings to attend. The first meeting of the Student Advisory Council meeting is anticipated to occur in August 2021.

Who will the Student Advisory Council report to?

The Student Advisory Council will report to the Minister of Education.

What responsibilities would the Student Advisory Council have?

The Student Advisory Council will be responsible for

- attending meetings
- participating in discussions/consultations to provide input to the Minister on aspects of the education system and how they affect the children and young people who use them
- bringing youth insights to the department and the education sector to help inform our work
- providing other students with ways to share their perspectives and advice
- providing feedback to requests on department products (for example, surveys/discussion papers)
- working collaboratively with fellow council members to provide input into education-related projects/initiatives

What benefit would I get from serving on the Student Advisory Council?

Members of the council will have a chance to develop and demonstrate leadership skills, experience sitting on a council, meeting and working with diverse youth as well as other education stakeholders, and contributing to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K–12) education transformation. Each member will receive a formal recognition certificate signed by the Minister of Education confirming their participation. For further details on the education transformation, see [*Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First.*](#)

Will members' expenses related to attending Student Advisory Council meetings be covered?

Yes. Members shall be paid reasonable travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed guidelines set out in the Government of Manitoba General Manual of Administration, which are incurred in discharging duties in connection with the council.