

Canadian Rockies Public Schools Notification of Independent Student

Dear Principal,

Please consider this letter my notification to _____ School that I, _____, do declare myself as an Independent Student. I confirm that I am sixteen years old or older and am living independently from my parents/guardians. Please note the following address is my new address on file.

NEW ADDRESS

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

In order for you to determine independent student status I understand you will take the following criteria into consideration. I will check YES or NO to the following statements:

- a) I earn my own living or substantially contribute to my own maintenance or receive government financial support. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b) I handle major decisions such as my medical treatment. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c) I have made and maintain arrangements for my living accommodation. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- d) I make decisions with respect to my day to day living. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- e) The other factors I would consider relevant are: _____

I understand none of the above criteria alone is a sole indicator of independence but the responses will assist with determining whether you will change my status to Independent Student. I understand that you will notify me if this change has been approved.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

APPROVAL

I, _____, Principal of _____, have:

☐ APPROVED ☐ NOT APPROVED the change of the above student to Independent Student Status.

Principal Signature

Date

REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

A student who is between 16 and 18 years of age and wishes to establish independent student status must notify the school principal in writing of the request to be considered an independent student. If approved, a signed and dated "Release of Independent Student Information" form will be required to be filled out and signed by the student before this status is changed in PowerSchool.

Under the School Act, students who are 18 years of age or older, or 16 years of age or older and living independently or who are a party to an agreement under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, are independent students.

Section 1(3) of the School Act says that an independent student is entitled to exercise all the rights and powers and receive all the benefits and is subject to all the obligations under the School Act that the student's parent is entitled to exercise or receive or is subject to those obligations, and the student's parent shall not exercise those rights, receive those benefits or be subject to those obligations.

CHANGE OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

If the student no longer meets the criteria for independent status, the student and parent must inform the school principal in writing of the change in status. Once the letter is received, the parent will be required to change the information on the "Release of Independent Student Information" form before the status and information is changed in PowerSchool.