



COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER AWARD POLICY

PREAMBLE

The Department of Community Government and Services (CGS) supports the goal of Article 23 of the NLCA regarding Inuit employment and the corresponding need for education and training. CGS recognizes that academic success in math and science encourages students to pursue further academic studies leading to successful professional and technical careers in the knowledge based economy in Nunavut.

POLICY

It is GN policy to support Nunavut youth and encourage learning and education opportunities in the fields of math and science by annually awarding a laptop computer to one graduating student from each high school in Nunavut for accomplishments in their studies in math and science.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is based on the following principles:

- Commitment to the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles of Piliriqatigiinniq/ Ikajuqtigiinniq (working together for a common cause) and Qanuqtuurniq (being innovative and resourceful);
- Recognition of the value of teaching and learning and the need to celebrate student success in their studies;
- Recognition of the vital importance of math and science in equipping young Nunavummiut with the knowledge and skills they need for success in further academic studies and to prepare them for technical and professional careers.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all high schools in Nunavut where one or more students graduate in a given year.

DEFINITIONS

Accomplishment in math and science – is determined by the principal of the school based on academic marks, good attendance and the student's interest in math and science over the course of their high school studies.

Eligible to graduate – means a student who has met all the requirements established by the Department of Education to graduate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Minister

The Minister of CGS is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

2. Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of CGS:

- a. is responsible for the administration of all provisions pursuant to this policy;
- b. approves awards subject to the conditions outlined in this policy;
- c. issues a letter of instruction which delegates to the high school principal authority to select the recipient of the award specified by this policy.

3. Director of Informatics

The Director is responsible for:

- a. ensuring communication takes place with school principals about the award and the student selection guidelines;
- b. acquiring the laptop to provide to students;
- c. ensuring a timely annual report is produced which identifies selection criteria and each recipient by name, school and community.

4. Principal of School

The principal of each school is responsible for:

- a. the selection of the student to receive the award;
- b. reporting to CGS the name of the recipient of the award;
- c. notifying CGS upon receipt of Laptop;

- d. Returning the laptop to CGS if there is no qualifying recipient.

PROVISIONS

1. To be eligible for the award a student must:
 - a. be enrolled in a High school in Nunavut,
 - b. be enrolled in Math and Science courses,
 - c. be eligible to graduate in that year,
 - d. demonstrate accomplishment in math and science.
2. Sufficient laptops for all high schools will be acquired annually by CGS and distributed to school principals.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval by the Legislative Assembly and on the availability of funds in the appropriate budget.

PREROGATIVE OF CABINET

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of Cabinet to make decisions or take action respecting supporting Nunavut youth.

SUNSET CLAUSE

This policy shall be in effect from the date of the signature until March 31, 2013.