

The SSDEC generally recognizes that public schools are designed and operated to meet the needs of youth. However, the SSDEC believes that education is a lifelong process that should be encouraged, promoted, and made available to all students regardless of age. Therefore, the SSDEC believes that adult students, 21 years of age or older, should be allowed to attend high school in order to continue their education.

## **REGULATIONS**

Adults who wish to attend high school in the South Slave must:

1. Ensure that public school rather than post-secondary programs provide the best way to achieve personal and career goals, and
2. Make application in writing to the school Counsellor, and complete, with assistance from the Counsellor or other educator, a written *Career and Program Plan* in a format supplied by the school,
3. Provide a copy of the application letter to the local DEA.
4. Obtain the approval of the school principal.
5. Meet regularly with the Counsellor or other educator to review success in their educational program in terms of achievement, attendance and behaviour and if necessary, take cooperatively developed remedial action steps.

Applicants will receive a written response to the application within 10 calendar days.

Adults shall be refused the right to attend school if they have been convicted of offenses which pose a risk to the safety and security of students in South Slave schools (eg. violent or sexual crimes).

Adult students are expected to uphold a higher level of self control and behaviour. As such, adults who have been accepted, may be temporarily removed or permanently withdrawn from the school at any time at the discretion of the school principal, for any defiance of authority or other negative behaviours that might set a poor example for younger students.

Reference: *Education Act*, Section 6  
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