

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 a post-secondary program will provide the best path to achieve their personal and career goals.
2. Once principal approval has been obtained, meet with the school counsellor, or other designated educator, to complete a *Career and Program Plan*, and school registration form.
3. Meet regularly with the counsellor, or other designated educator, to review their program progress in terms of achievement, attendance & behaviour and if necessary, take cooperatively developed corrective action.

Adults will be refused permission 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are held to a higher level of self-control and behaviour, and as such they may be temporarily removed, or permanently withdrawn, from the school at the discretion of the school principal for defiance of authority, or other negative behaviour that sets a poor example for younger students.

Reference: *Education Act*, Section 6  
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