



**Rationale**

The Board of Directors supports the delivery of educational programs and services which provide enhanced opportunities for all First Nations students to develop an understanding and appreciation of different First Nation histories, cultures, languages and lifestyles.

**Policy**

The Board of Directors is committed to providing programs and services in accordance with existing agreements between First Nation Bands and the Island Catholic Schools that reflect and respect the native culture and language as an integral part of the total education of First Nation children.

**Regulation**

1. Programs for First Nation students relating to language and culture will be organized according to:
  - existing agreements between the school and band(s)
  - number of native students enrolled
  - availability of instructors for the proposed programs
  
2. Costs of these programs will be in accordance with the terms set out in the tuition agreement.

Reference:	Approved
	Date Approved: December 1994
Cross-reference:	Date(s) Revised: January 2000, February 2014