

## Provincial involvement

### 1. What is the Province of Ontario's role in these negotiations?

Ontario was not part of the negotiations that produced the education system. But it will need to be involved in the system because it supervises the off-reserve schools that Anishinaabe attend. The Anishinabek Nation and Ontario have begun these negotiations.

### 2. Is Ontario's recognition of the Anishinabek Education System (AES) required?

No. The agreement does not need to be recognized by Ontario to go ahead. But some First Nations send on-reserve students to schools that are run by the province. So they will need an agreement with Ontario about how this relationship will work.

Today that relationship exists only between Ontario and the federal Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs. The First Nations that approve the education system will take over that relationship and negotiate changes with the province.

### 3. Has the Anishinabek Nation been involved in talks with Ontario regarding the implementation of the Anishinabek Education System (AES)?

Yes. The Anishinabek Nation and Ontario signed a master framework agreement last November. It's a document with broad ideas but not specific details about how to work together. Negotiators are working out those details now and expect to reach an agreement next year.