



## SCHOOL DISTRICT #8 (KOOTENAY LAKE)

### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Status:** Approved

**Date:** May 9, 2014

#### Job Title

Aboriginal Youth & Family Worker Liaison (ABYFWL)

#### Job Summary:

This is specialized work assisting Aboriginal students and supporting teachers, regarding the personal, cultural and educational needs of Aboriginal students. This employee advises and supports Aboriginal students by supporting behavioural change and personal growth, while recognizing the importance of their cultural heritage and traditions.

Primary responsibility is to work with Aboriginal students, individually or in small groups, to support their development in alignment with the goals of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

ABYWL may provide academic support, in conjunction with the classroom teachers, in all areas of curriculum. They may provide cultural support by developing or organizing programs that enhance the understanding of all students, Aboriginal and others, about history and traditions of Aboriginal peoples. They may assist teachers to incorporate Aboriginal content into their curricula.

ABYWL may provide social/emotional support to help Aboriginal students develop a strong sense of self esteem, resiliency and pride in their Aboriginal ancestry. This may also be done with community agencies and other educators.

ABYWL will also provide liaison and support to families of the Aboriginal student and the larger Aboriginal community.

#### Job Requirements:

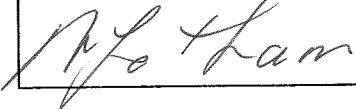
1. Completion of a College Diploma - the Human Services Diploma Child and Youth Care Specialty (Selkirk College), or the Aboriginal Education Support Worker (College of the Rockies) or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience including working within an Aboriginal Community and or program, and a strong understanding of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement.
2. Extensive knowledge and practice of authentic Aboriginal traditions/culture with experience and involvement in an Aboriginal community is preferred.
3. Experience working with Aboriginal youth in an educational setting.

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4. Knowledge, respect and implementation of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement in accordance with district responsibilities.
5. Work as a liaison with families, the Aboriginal community, community agencies and the School District.
6. Work as an advocate for Aboriginal youth.
7. Ability to assist all members of school based teams with identifying and supporting the needs of Aboriginal students.
8. Maintain confidentiality.
9. Assist in development and implementation of an individual support plan based on individual student needs.
10. Promote academic, cultural and overall success for Aboriginal students.
11. Adapt to changing situations and develop and maintain rapport with Aboriginal students, parents, staff and the community.
12. Possession of a valid class 5 drivers license may be required.

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