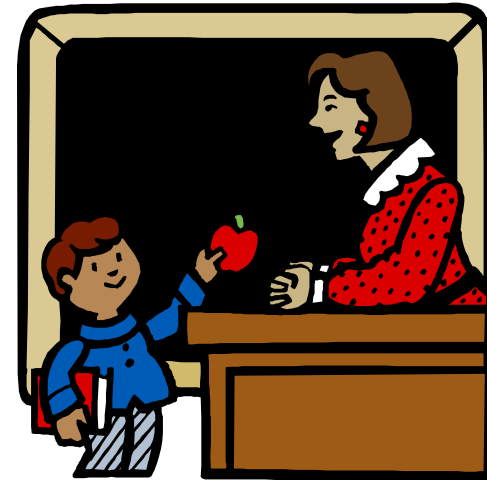




Parent **TIP** Sheet#9

ABORIGINAL LEARNING SERVICES



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ABORIGINAL LEARNING SERVICES OFFERS ...

Students

- Proactive strategies for creating positive and successful school experiences
- Culturally relevant counseling and support
- Leadership experience: student councils, team-building, youth conferences, peer support
- Support for transitions: rural to urban, grade to grade, school to school, school to post secondary
- Career exploration opportunities: career expo, career counselors, career mentors, speaker series
- Connections to elders

Families

- Strategies for helping their children to succeed
- Support for building positive relationships with teachers and the school community
- Aboriginal / elder assisted mediation processes between families and schools
- Counseling that is culturally relevant
- Connections with larger Aboriginal community resources and support systems

Teachers and Support Staff

- Practical strategies and materials for building Aboriginal perspectives into every curriculum area
- Strategies for teaching Aboriginal learners
- Approaches for working with Aboriginal families
- Connections to elders, cultural instructors, and other resource people for the classroom visits and programs

Administration

- Strategies for creating schools that support the success of Aboriginal students
- Assistance with understanding community values and norms
- Processes for identifying and recruiting Aboriginal teachers and staff
- Programs for staff development
- Strategies for encouraging parent participation
- Assistance with using research and current data to set program goals
- Assistance with elder-assisted mediation processes and expulsion hearings

