

1 **WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE _____**

2 Department of Education and Cultural Learning Center

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5 **SECTION I. PURPOSE**

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7 The Education Department and Cultural Learning Center mission is to cultivate education in
8 preparation for employment. The Department shall pursue higher education opportunities and
9 prepare programs focusing on those that strengthen education in the Odawa and other
10 Anishinaabe culture from early childhood, to higher education.
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13 **SECTION II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND FINDINGS**

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15 A. Anishinaabek needs are unique.
16 B. It is a goal of the Tribe to provide for the continuing education and employment of Tribal
17 Citizens.
18 C. The Tribe recognized the need to have Odawa and Anishinaabe culture through Early
19 Childhood, High School, College and University educational opportunities.
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22 **SECTION III. CREATION OF DEPARTMENT**

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24 In accordance with the Constitution, the Department shall promote with special care the
25 educational interests of all the people especially our children and elders for the right to an
26 education.
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- 28 **1.** The Tribal Council hereby creates the “Department of Education and Cultural
29 Learning Center” within the Executive Branch and the annual budget submitted by the
30 Executive shall include a request for funding for the department.
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33 **SECTION IV. DEFINITIONS**

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35 **A.** “Department” means the Department of Education and Cultural Learning Center.
36 **B.** “Director” means a person over the department who holds a teaching degree and at least

1 5-years experience.

2 C. "LTBB" means Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

3 D. "Tribe" means Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

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6 **SECTION IV. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES**

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8 A. The Tribal Council has established the Department that shall consist of programs such as
9 Head Start, Kindergarten through grade Twelve, Adult Education, and General Educational
10 Development (GED) programs, Adult Vocational Training (AVT), Higher Education,
11 Educational Grants and Cultural Learning Programs and any other applicable learning
12 opportunities available.

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14 B. The Department Director shall be Native American and culturally competent in Odawa and
15 other Native American backgrounds and studies. The Department shall be filled with
16 appropriate existing staff through lateral transfer between departments and in compliance
17 with Tribal Preference in Hiring Statute.

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19 C. The Director Shall;

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21 1. Implement educational opportunities at all levels in tandem with formal mains stream
22 schooling and culturally based teachings.

23 2. Be responsible for the implementation of all funds, scholarships, and grants to the
24 Tribe related to the Department.

25 3. Administer educational programs, grant, and projects that assist Citizens ability to
26 reach personal and educational goals with an awareness of the unique needs of Tribal
27 Citizens.

28 4. Develop the educational curriculum and programs.

29 5. Develop and administer the Cultural and Historical learning center.

30 6. Strive to improve and enhance the understanding of Tribal Culture within the
31 community and greater community.

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34 **SECTION VI. RESTRICTIONS**

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36 A. All research, academic, and work produced by the Department shall belong to the Tribe

1 and be considered public documents.

2 **B.** Credits may be given for program and /or individual contributions to materials produced
3 by the Department.

4 **C.** Copies may be used in educational promotion of Anishinaabemowin; all copies shall
5 include all original credits.

6 **D.** Copy for profit shall be prohibited, except by a waiver of the Tribal Council.
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9 **SECTION VII. REGULATIONS REQUIRED**

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11 The Executive shall develop Regulations within 120 days from enactment of this Statute and
12 present to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and
13 in accordance with:
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- 15 1. Any Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act Interim/Regulations and subsequent
16 regulations.
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19 **SECTION VI. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED**

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21 The current budgetary appropriations for the Education Department shall be used to implement
22 this statute and the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual budgets necessary
23 to implement this statute.
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26 **SECTION V. SEVERABILITY**

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28 If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any
29 reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall
30 be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the
31 validity of the remaining portions thereof.
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34 **SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE**
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1 Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever
2 comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the
3 veto.
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