



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE



Changes to the 2025-26 Extra Curricular Program

The following changes are in effect for the 2025-26 program year. These changes return to the key deliverable of the Early Learning and Child Care team: to support Métis children in accessing early learning opportunities.

- **Each child must have submitted receipts that total at least 50% of their funding by October 31, 2025.**
 - If a child has not spent 50% of their funding by October 31, 2025, they will be removed from the program and forfeit their remaining financing for the 2025-26 fiscal year.
 - Children whose funding is forfeited will NOT be eligible to apply for the waitlist.
- **By October 31, 2025, each child MUST submit a receipt for one (1) registered program or activity.**
 - Children born in 2022 and later activities such as museum passes, zoo passes, provincial park passes, or conversation park passes will meet this requirement.
 - All other children must be in an ongoing registered, formal activity. This can include, but is not limited to, sports activities, music lessons, overnight camps, community groups (such as scouting and guiding), etc. Examples are provided later in this document.
 - School trips, museum passes, park passes, and activities that are typically single visits that are not formally led, such as visits to trampoline parks, tubing, bowling, etc., *do not* meet the requirement of a formal activity for children born between 2012 and 2021.
 - For this restriction, day camps during school holidays/PD days do not meet the requirement of an extra-curricular activity. Families may submit the receipt to the Extra-Curricular or Summer Subsidy Child Care programs. However, the child must still register and submit a receipt for extra-curricular activities outside day camps.
 - Memberships for activities such as swimming, gyms, golf, or skiing will meet the requirement of registered activity.
 - If a child does not submit a receipt for a registered activity by October 31, 2025, they will be removed from the program and forfeit their remaining funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year.
 - Children whose funding is forfeited will NOT be eligible to apply for the waitlist.
 - There are NO exceptions to the registered activity.
- **STEM/STEAM equipment is no longer eligible for reimbursement.**
- **Sensory equipment is no longer eligible for reimbursement. This includes sandboxes and water tables.**

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