

Student, faculty & board member conduct expectations

Students, staff, board members and faculty are part of Seven Generations Education Institute (SGEI) by congruence of personal choice and SGEI's acceptance. We come here because of personal history, community responsibilities, and educational experience and on the strength of commitment to learning and sharing with Anishinaabeg. We agree with both the SGEI vision and mission statements. Our commitment to learn and share continues throughout our time with Seven Generations Education Institute and even as we move forward on our life path. It is also acknowledged that we are willing to support one another.

SGEI programming is based on the Seven Grandfathers Teachings. These teachings are to be honoured by all students, staff, and board members. For greater clarity on how the teachings apply to SGEI, the following words are offered.

Manaaji'idiwin (Respect)

Establishing and maintaining high standards for yourself, your role, and your relationships with others. Respect for the integrity of yourself and others, and for the work that you have engaged in. Respect all voices at SGEI, in class and in communities. Maintain your sense of being, and honour those who are on their own road to knowledge. Respectfully listen to others so that you hear their intent. Respectfully share in a good way so that your voice is heard and understood. Respect the spirits within each of us and aim to lift one another. Practice respectful silence if your words would distract rather than attract Mino-bimaadiziwin.

Gwayako-bimaadiziwin (Honesty)

Know and understand what is expected of you and fulfill your obligations with integrity. Be open in your relationships with yourself and others; know your responsibilities and boundaries. Look for solutions in difficult times. Hear and manage concerns and while maintaining confidentiality. Communicate in a good way, without hurting anyone. Know your obligations and meet them without delay or interference.

Zhaawenidewin/Zaagii'idiwn (Love)

Truly recognize and value life and spirit in self and others. Give of yourself when no one asks, and work toward harmony with self, within community, and on the land. Many obligations come with love. Ensure balance is maintained; this is walking in a good way.

Nibwaakaawin/Bekaadiziwin (Humility)

We come to SGEI as individuals and recognize the part we play within a greater community. We each have an important role. We must come to know our own abilities and limitations, and capacity to give and receive in a good way. Recognize the gifts you have been given. Develop your gifts fully for the benefit of self and others.

Zoongide'ewin (Courage/Bravery)

Demonstrate strength and advocacy needed in a world that does not always honour Anishinaabe ways. Be aware of beliefs that strengthen Anishinaabeg. Demonstrate ability to speak up and act in difficult times.

Nabwaakaawin/Gikendaasowin (Wisdom)

Reflect on teachings you have received and strive for a higher understanding of the knowledge and wisdom of the teachings. Apply what you know then to go beyond and ensure others benefit. Acknowledge the wisdom in others around you, including non-human beings.

Debwewin (Truth)

Be true to yourself and others. Understand the truth of Anishinaabe aadizookaanan, of our teachings, of our history, and relating that truth to your own life and sharing it with others in a manner that honours Anishinaabeg.

I, _____ have read and understand the importance of the thoughts and words expressed above regarding the importance of my role at SGEI and my future role as a member of our larger community.

Signature

Date

Witness signature

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