

Dear Parent/Guardian;

Manitoba Education and Training recognizes the need to provide programming for students for whom the regular academic curriculum is too difficult. The school support team determines who may be assigned an "M" designation, which is appropriate for a student who exhibits a significant cognitive disability accompanied by one or more of the following:

- ◆ limitations in how an individual copes with common life demands and how well he/she meets the standards of personal independence expected of someone in his/her age group;
- ◆ significant academic delay (which may be defined as two or more years below grade level).

Students with an "M" designation:

- ◆ will have a written IEP which outlines the specific learning needs and the way the program will be modified to meet these needs;
- ◆ are exempt from writing provincial standards tests.

An "M" designation may have a significant impact on your child's future course selection and post-secondary options. Although your child may graduate from high school with a complete Grade 12, the "M" course designation may limit his/her entry to community colleges and universities.

I, _____, have read and understand the above information.
(Parent/Guardian)

I have been involved in the decision-making process and give my permission for _____
(Student)

to be assigned an "M" designation in the following course(s): _____

Date

Parent/Guardian

Principal

Student

Resource Teacher

Classroom Teacher (if applicable)