



## Nala'atsi Student Enrollment Process

*\*\*\* Completion of our application package does not guarantee a spot at Nala'atsi. Due to the large number of applicants we receive we cannot enroll all prospective students; as such, we typically have a wait-list. We do our best to communicate the likelihood & potential timeline for a placement at Nala'atsi.*

**STEP 1:** Pick up our application package at the In Ed Center (665 - 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay BC) OR print off the application at the Nala'atsi website ([www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/nalaatsi/](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/nalaatsi/))

**STEP 2:** Student and caretaker/parent complete all forms, learn about the school by visiting the Nala'atsi website ([www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/nalaatsi/](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/nalaatsi/)), and **drop off completed application** package at the In Ed Center OR scan & email to Rory at [rory.mcclure@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:rory.mcclure@sd71.bc.ca)

**STEP 3:** Nala'atsi staff contacts student/family to schedule an **interview & tour of school**. Nala'atsi staff lead interview and tour of school for student & caretaker/parent.

**STEP 4:** Nala'atsi staff contacts student & parent/caretaker for a **follow-up meeting**. At meeting staff gathers more information about the student & reviews school policies. Students meets with Youth & Family Worker for more in-depth conversation.

**STEP 5:** Nala'atsi staff reviews student application & other available information & either proposes a program at Nala'atsi or an alternate school choice that best meets the student's needs.

**STEP 6: Welcome!** Nala'atsi staff contacts student & parent/caretaker with student's schedule & start date.

**To be signed:**

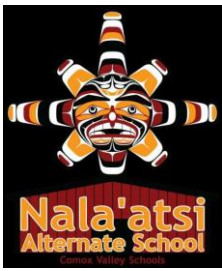
- Student & Parent Application Form - signed by student & parent/caretaker
- Consent for Release of Information
- Student Commitment Contract - signed by student & parent/caretaker

**To be reviewed:**

- Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation - Consent to send newsletters, announcements

**Information Package:**

- Staffing list/contacts for Nala'atsi
- Nala'atsi Weekly Calendar



School District 71 (Comox Valley)  
**Student Application for Nala'atsi School**

\*\*\* This form must be filled out by the student

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Middle Names) (Last Name)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ BCID / Care Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Caregiver(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have siblings? Y / N How many? Brothers \_\_\_\_ & Sisters \_\_\_\_

Do you live with? Both parents  Mom  Dad  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe if "other" (e.g.: relatives/friends/foster home, on your own, etc.):  
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Are you working? Y / N Any shifts during school hours? Y / N If so, when?  
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**B. SCHOOL BACKGROUND**

Previous school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in school now? Y / N  
If not, why? (home school, legal, financial, geographical, physical or mental health)  
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What have you strongly *liked* about your previous schools?  
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What have you strongly *disliked* about your previous schools?

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Have you checked out the website and watched the Nala'atsi introduction video? (If not, please go to [www.nalaatsi.com](http://www.nalaatsi.com))  
Does the school seem like a good fit for you? Do you have any questions about Nala'atsi?

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Students at Nala'atsi work independently and at their own pace. Have you had success working independently before?  
What motivates you to learn and to finish school work?

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How do you feel about group outings? Have you experienced being part of a team or group? Explain.

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How do you learn best? (Visual learner, hands-on, multi-media, quiet environment, one-on-one support, etc).

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Are you able to ask for help when you need it?

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How do you feel about trying new things? (Ie. Sweat Lodge, canoeing, cooking, etc)

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### **C. REASON FOR APPLYING**

Why do you want to attend Nala'atsi? What do you hope to get from this school experience?

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Is graduating important to you? What are you hoping to finish academically this year (ie 'Grade 10', 'half of my grade 11 courses')?

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**D. HEALTH**

Do you have any physical health issues? Y / N If yes, please describe (what do we need to know):

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Do you have any mental health issues? Y / N If yes, please describe (what do we need to know):

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Do you have any allergies? Y / N If yes, please list:

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Do you take any medications? Y / N If yes, please list:

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**E. FUTURE GOALS**

What job/career do you hope to have when you finish high school?

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**F. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**     *(This does not apply to me)*

Please indicate if you have:

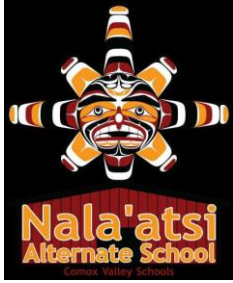
Social worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Counsellor/Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_

Probation officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Support worker: \_\_\_\_\_

**G. INDIGENOUS SELF-IDENTIFICATION**

Do you have Indigenous ancestry? Y / N Which Nation(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



School District 71 (Comox Valley)  
**Parent/Caretaker Form, Nala'atsi School**

Return to: Indigenous Education Centre, 665 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay, B.C. Phone: (250) 331-4040

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Caregiver 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Caregiver 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In an emergency (earthquake, illness or accident, etc) the school requires the name and phone number of at least two contacts to whom your child may be released if no guardian is available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Why do you think that Nala’atsi is a good fit for your child?

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Please describe how you feel Nala’atsi can best assist your child to succeed.

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Is there anything we need to know that would assist us in providing the most suitable educational program for your child (physical, psychological, academic challenges)? Has your child received testing of any kind (ie.psycho-educational report) or had an IEP (individualized education plan) in place?

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**D. PARENTAL CONSENT**

I understand that Nala’atsi School offers a variety of artistic and cultural opportunities, field trips, and community engagements. Some school activities take place at Wachiay Friendship Centre, Courtenay Recreation Lewis Center, as well as other off-site locations.

Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed for the Nala’atsi website, and other student activities.

Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I am consenting for my child to fully participate in all school activities. I hereby verify the above to be correct and fully support my child’s application request to Nala’atsi:

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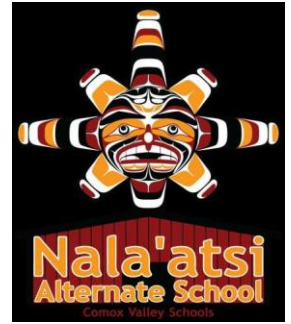
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



# Nala'atsi Student Commitment Contract



Please read all items carefully before signing. I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit myself to the following in order to give myself the best chance at being successful at Nala'atsi.

**ATTEND:** Attendance is essential to your success at Nala'atsi. If you can't make it to school, it's your responsibility to let us know before 9am. Consistently good attendance will open up all kinds of amazing opportunities; consistently poor attendance could result in you losing your position at Nala'atsi.

**RESPECT:** Make sure to communicate respect to those around you: your peers, Nala'atsi staff, Elders, any guests we have at the school, and also yourself. Be respectful of the neighbourhood and respect our community when we're on school outings. Conduct yourself like an adult inside and outside of the school.

**HARD WORK:** Our work blocks are Monday-Thursday mornings. Work blocks rarely last longer than an hour. We believe that everyone can try their best to focus & be productive for an hour. This is your time to work, and as long as you are trying your best we'll do everything we can to support you. That being said, we will not tolerate you doing nothing, distracting others, or consistently wasting time.

**TRY TRY TRY!** Be adventurous, participate, don't reject things immediately. We provide a ton of incredible opportunities for students. We need you to be able to say 'yes' to these opportunities, even if it means going outside of your comfort zone on occasion. Being a student here means that you are agreeing to participate in school activities - outings, mental health workshops, cultural activities and so on. You receive credit for everything you participate in, so it also just makes sense. By having a good attitude & participating you can complete all of your elective credits.

**CONNECT TO CULTURE:** We are a school for students with Indigenous ancestry. Indigenous practices and cultural ways are central to everything we do at Nala'atsi. We expect students to participate in the amazing cultural opportunities that are available here. Once again, we need you to be able to say 'yes' to new experiences.

**CONTRIBUTE:** Your voice, your thoughts, your interests. Expect a lot from yourself, staff, everyone; make this school your own and get everything you want out of it. We listen to your input, and we try to include your interests & passions in the program. We also expect you to contribute some of your time to the school - through helping with food preparation, clean-up, recycling, etc.

**COMMUNICATION:** We can't read minds. It's your job to let people know where you're at - especially if you're in a bad mood/had a rough night/etc. We accept that you are human, but you need to communicate with everyone in a responsible & respectful way.

**DRUG POLICY:** Zero tolerance. If you're under the influence OR have drugs in your possession we are obligated to report it to the school district.



**RESPECTING STAFF:** We give you respect and support you in every way we can. We feed you. We drive you places and give you brilliant life experiences. We ask that you communicate with us in a kind and respectful way. It's also really awesome when students express their appreciation for the things we do.

**GENERAL NO'S:** Judgement, mockery, insults, violence (obviously). Discrimination of any kind: sexism, homophobia, racism, etc. Nala'atsi students are remarkably tolerant and open-minded, and we aim to keep it that way.

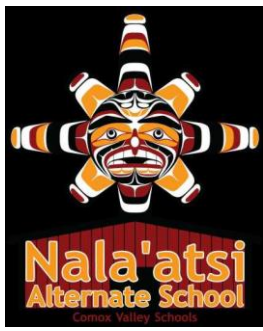
**LUNCH:** Preparing food and eating meals together is a huge part of our school. We ask that you sit down with us at the table for at least 15 minutes and have lunch with the whole gang. Sharing meals is one of the ways we develop relationships & maintain our little community. Also, there are no electronic devices in kitchen.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** (To be discussed with students individually)

**COMMUNITY:** As mentioned above, Nala'atsi is a like small community. We spend a lot of time together, which means we're able to share many incredible experiences. If you'd prefer to attend a school where you simply work by yourself and complete coursework (which is totally respectable) Nala'atsi is probably not a good fit for you. If you are open to being part of a supportive school community, participating in the awesome opportunities available, and also contributing to your school you will have a very successful experience here.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Witness (staff): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Nala'atsi Schedule 2023-24



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am - 9:00am	Doors open Breakfast available	Doors open Breakfast available	Doors open Breakfast available	Doors open Breakfast available	NO CLASSES
9:00am - 9:30am	Morning Circle	Morning Circle	Wellness Wednesday	Morning Circle	
9:30am - 10:45am	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	
10:45am - 11:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11:00am - 12:00pm	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	Guided Work Block	
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:45pm - 2:30pm	Weekly Outing (locations will vary)  *Spiritual/ <b>Mental</b> / Emotional/ <b>Physical</b> *	Mental Health & Wellness Workshops  *Emotional*	PE (locations will vary)  * <b>Physical</b> *	Cultural & Creative Projects  * <b>Mental</b> *	