
ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Background

The District believes that the inclusion of International students in District schools is part of a positive and supportive diversified school culture, which benefits local students and citizens by:

- Increasing intercultural and international understanding.
- Generating supplementary revenue which benefits all schools and District programs.
- Increasing enrolment in all areas of the District.

The District will levy fees and charges for the International Student Program. This program is to allow for students to join our schools with the intent to eventually graduate or simply to have a positive, short-term Canadian experience.

The District directs that any provision within schools for International students will not be at the expense of children resident in the District with respect to space or additional structural support.

Procedures

1. Application, Fees and Determination of School Placement

The Superintendent has the sole authority to approve the acceptance and enrolment of international students in District schools.

- 1.1. All international students new to the District must register through the District Principal, International Student Program. International students cannot register directly at any school site in the District.
- 1.2. Placement of international students at schools will be determined by the District Principal, International Student Program in consultation with the Superintendent and the Principal.
- 1.3. International students shall only be placed in schools with available space as determined by the District.
- 1.4. International students shall be required to pay fees. Fees will be determined based on:
 - 1.4.1. Market conditions.
 - 1.4.2. Fee structures in other BC District International Student Programs.
 - 1.4.3. Cost of providing direct educational services and support services.
 - 1.4.4. Contribution to the overall District budget.

2. Tuition Fees – Exemption

The following International students receive Ministry of Education funding and therefore are exempt from District tuition fees:

2.1. A student who:

- 2.1.1. Is a refugee claimant with the appropriate documentation as per **Administrative Procedure 300 (Admission of Ordinarily Resident Students)**.
- 2.1.2. Is attending school on a reciprocal and equal exchange for the same length of time, with the exchange completed within two years.

2.2. A student whose parent(s):

- 2.2.1. Has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada for a term of one year or more and holds a valid, current work permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The work permit must specify an employer and must be accompanied by the Letter of Employment, a copy of the Labour Market Opinion document that was submitted to Citizenship and Immigration Canada to obtain the work permit and a pay receipt issued by the employer. In addition, the authorized work must be a salaried/paid position of no less than 20 hours per week and at least minimum wage in the province of British Columbia. In some cases, the holder of an open work permit will be accepted.
- 2.2.2. Has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada for a term of one year or more and holds a valid, current study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The holder must be attending a public post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program or attending a private post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program.
- 2.2.3. Has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada for a term of one year or more and holds a valid, current study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The holder must be attending an accredited public post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program or attending a private post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program. The parent has been authorized to study for a period of one year or more and all the following conditions apply:
 - 2.2.3.1. The parent is enrolled in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program of up to one year in duration at an institution that has an Education Quality Assurance Designation (EQA). The ESL adult student will be deemed resident for up to one year only. Beyond one year, the child of the ESL parent will be considered a non-Ministry funded student.
 - 2.2.3.2. Acceptance to a public post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program or a private post-secondary institution in a degree program.

2.2.3.3. Acceptance into the degree or diploma program is contingent upon the completion of an ESL program.

2.2.4. Has been lawfully admitted to and is authorized to study in Canada and has been awarded a multi-year scholarship that covers the cost of both tuition and living expenses for a post-secondary program that includes both an ESL component and a degree program component. The ESL component must be completed at an institution that has an Education Quality Assurance (EQA) designation.

2.2.5. Has been lawfully admitted to Canada and is participating in an educator exchange program with a public school in British Columbia.

2.2.6. Is carrying out official duties under the authority of the *Visiting Forces Act* or as an accredited diplomatic agent, pre-clearance officer, consular officer, or official representative in Canada of a foreign government with a consular post in British Columbia.

3. Recruiting Activities

3.1. The District believes that it is appropriate to conduct active marketing and recruiting activities in markets world-wide to attract fee-paying international students to our District. The District Principal of the International Student Program will be responsible for developing a marketing plan for these purposes.

3.2. The District Principal of the International Student Program will actively solicit international student registrations. The funds for expenses will be realized from the fees collected for these students. Activities for recruitment will include travel to source countries.

4. Specialized Services

4.1. All students registered in the International Student Program will be eligible for English as a Second Language (ESL) support if required. This support is available for international students in elementary and secondary schools.

4.2. In instances where an International student participated in a District program where additional costs are associated to cover school field trips, academy fees, examinations (such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate) or special supply items, additional fees for service will be requested from the student. These fees shall be the same as those requested for local residents.

5. Medical Insurance

All students registered in the International Student Program must have comprehensive health and medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Canada.

5.1. The student will submit to the District Principal of the International Student Program, a premium sufficient to cover the duration of the student's enrolment.

5.2. International Student Program staff will ensure that medical insurance is in place and make payment through a recognized provider while the student is in the International Education Program.

5.3. Any sum remaining in the trust account on completion of the student's enrolment shall revert to the District.

6. Homestay

6.1. All International students will reside in living arrangements approved by the District Principal of the International Student Program. For most students this will be a homestay arranged by the International Student Program staff.

7. Custodianship

7.1. In compliance with the guidelines of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, all international students must be under the care of a custodian. This will typically be the District; in which case the designated official will be the District Principal of the International Student Program. In some cases, the custodian will be a private Canadian citizen approved by the District Principal of the International Student Program.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 8.2, 20, 22, 23, 65, 74.1, 75, 75.1, 82, 85 *School Act*
Child, Family and Community Service Act
Divorce Act
Family Relations Act
Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
Infants Act
Visiting Forces Act
School Regulation 265/89
Ministry of Education Policy Document: International Students

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