

## **INTERNATIONAL AND OUT-OF-PROVINCE FEE-PAYING STUDENTS**

### **Background**

Students who are not Canadian citizens and do not have permanent residence status are considered international students. Students who are Canadian citizens but who do not have British Columbia residence status are considered out-of-province fee-paying students. The British Columbia Ministry of Education does not provide funding for international or out-of-province fee-paying students. Fees are charged to cover the costs of education.

### **Procedures**

1. Students may be enrolled in district schools without having to pay international or out-of-province fees if they fall into one (1) of the following categories:
  - Attending school on a reciprocal and equal exchange. This exchange must be on a "one in/one out" ratio with the same district for the same length of time, with the exchange completed within two (2) years.
  - A refugee claimant with an acknowledgement letter from the Immigration and Refugee Board and whose parent(s) ordinarily reside in British Columbia.
  - A child of a parent(s) who has been admitted to Canada for permanent residence and can substantiate this with documentation from CIC, and whose parent(s) ordinarily resides in British Columbia.
  - A child of parent(s) who has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada, who holds a study permit valid for a term of one (1) year or more, who is attending an accredited public post-secondary institution in a degree or diploma program, and who is resident in British Columbia.
  - A child of a parent who has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada, who holds a work permit valid for a term of one (1) year or more, and who is a resident in British Columbia. The work permit holder must meet residency requirements as outlined by the Ministry of Education for funding purposes which means the parent must provide evidence of residency in BC and must maintain an ongoing presence (ordinarily resident status) in BC.
  - A child of a parent(s) who has been admitted as a temporary resident in Canada under a teacher exchange program.
  - A child of a parent(s) who is carrying out official duties as diplomatic or consular official and is able to substantiate this with a Foreign Representative Acceptance Counterfoil in the parent(s) passport.
  - A child who has a legal guardian as defined by the Ministry of Education through the Divorce Act, the Family Law Act, the Infants Act, and the Child, Family and Community Service Act, who is ordinarily a resident of BC.

2. To determine if a student qualifies as an ordinarily resident of British Columbia see SD72 Form 301-1 (BC Resident or International/Out-of-Province Fee-Paying Student Determination Checklist).

3. **International Students**

International students may be enrolled in the International Student Program at both the elementary, middle and secondary levels for a fee if they are accepted following an application process and are prepared to meet the following conditions:

- 3.1 Demonstration of functional literacy in English (as appropriate to grade level).
- 3.2 Indication of acceptable academic ability.
- 3.3 Live in a homestay approved by School District 72 or live with their parent(s). Children under the age of 14 years (by December 31) will only be enrolled if they are living with a parent or have the approval of the superintendent or designate.
- 3.4 Payment of the appropriate fees for the program which includes the application fee, medical insurance fees, tuition fees, activity fees and homestay placement fees as required.
- 3.5 Payment of fees for specialty programs such as sports academies or other specific school-based programs to cover the costs associated with these kinds of programs. These fees are determined by the Board of Education.

4. **Administration and Funding of the International Student Program**

- 4.1 The International Program will submit a budget for review each year as part of the annual district budget process.
- 4.2 Sufficient funding as determined by the superintendent will be provided annually from the revenue generated from this program for the maintenance of the International Student Program infrastructure and ongoing marketing activities, as well as for the development of new markets and programs to ensure the future viability of the program.
- 4.3 The International Student Program, in consultation with the superintendent or designate, and the secretary-treasurer, will determine the full-time equivalent (FTE) of international students desired for each school year. The total number of international students enrolled in any given year will be reviewed and restricted to ensure the highest quality program possible for all students in the district.
- 4.4 The International Student Program will work closely with senior management and the school-based administrators at both the elementary, middle and secondary levels to facilitate the placement of appropriate students into the schools of the district.
- 4.5 The International Student Program in consultation with the superintendent, will prepare all legal documentation required for the students to study in Canada. The International Student program staff will ensure that adult supervision of each international student is maintained during the study program. International students who move out of their assigned homestay or move away from the parent/guardian(s) could be dismissed from the program.

- 4.6 The International Student Program staff will maintain communications with school personnel and the families abroad or their designated educational representative/agency at minimum three times per year and as needed from time to time.

Reference: Section 82 School Act  
Divorce Act  
Family Law Act  
Infants Act  
Child, Family and Community Service Act

Forms: [SD72 Form 301-1 BC Resident or International/Out-of-Province Fee-Paying Student Determination Checklist](#)  
[SD72 303-1 International Student Application Form](#)