

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (VERNON)

POLICY

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Admission of Foreign Students

Policy Statement:

The primary mandate of the District is the provision of educational programs and services for students who qualify as funded students as determined by the Ministry of Education. In addition, the Board of Trustees, through its International Student Program, is prepared to extend these services to international students who have been granted appropriate temporary resident status by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

The Board may charge a tuition fee to international students. The amount of this fee shall be established, at any regular meeting, by the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall establish procedures which regulate the number and placement of students in the District's International Student Program.

Admission of International Visa Students

- A system will be established by the Superintendent of Schools or designate to evaluate all applications from international students for admission to schools under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- For the purpose of these regulations as students who have moved from outside of Canada to British Columbia and do not meet the residency requirements of Section 82 of the *School Act*.
- Students who have been accepted will receive a letter of acceptance identifying the appropriate school.
- Final acceptance into the school will occur when the student submits a visitor visa or study permit from the Federal Government. Students will be advised to arrive in Vernon appropriately to allow enough time to find housing and to make some cultural adjustments.

- In order for international students to obtain a visitor visa or study permit from the Federal Government, they must meet all of the requirements listed by Canadian Citizenship and Immigration.
- The schools will receive an updated list of all accepted and confirmed students.
- It appears to be advantageous if the students come for two years so they can remain in Canada over the summer if their fees are paid and they have received a visitor visa or study permit for the coming year. Students would be advised of this when their letter of confirmation is sent.

Placement

- When the students apply, they will be given a list of schools that are available. The students will then submit a list of priorities. Depending on available space, the Board will generally try to oblige the request.
- A list of the secondary schools with space for international students must be updated for each term for placement purposes.
- Applications should be centralized.
- Schools must meet minimum requirements before they qualify to add international students to their enrolment; examples of these requirements would include approval of staff, receptive principal, available space, appropriate courses, support in counselling and English as a Second Language (ESL) services, and a contact person. In addition, each school should establish a maximum of international students in order to enhance the provision of basic services required.
- As necessary, adjustments to staffing will be made.

Fees

Fees are based on the cost of providing an education to an individual student and are set by the Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of the Board in accordance with the *School Act*.

REFERENCES

School Act Section 82

Ministry Policy: International Students, July 6, 2001