

Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures

OP 324 – International Students

Policy

1. International students may attend Fort McMurray Catholic Schools under some conditions and provided it does not adversely impact the education services provided to resident students.
2. The Deputy-Superintendent is responsible for the acceptance and placement of international students in Fort McMurray Catholic Schools.

Definitions

3. Approved reciprocal student exchange means a reciprocal student exchange:
 - a. sponsored by the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education, or
 - b. organized and sponsored by Alberta Education or the Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC), or
 - c. a student exchange organization approved by the Superintendent, in which a Fort McMurray Catholic School student attends the exchange school and the exchange student attends a Fort McMurray Catholic School;
4. Exchange student means a student from outside of Alberta on an approved reciprocal student exchange; and
5. International student means a person:
 - a. who is not
 - i. a citizen of Canada, or
 - ii. a landed immigrant, or
 - iii. a child of a person admitted to Canada for permanent or temporary residence; and
 - b. who has a student visa or a study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Regulations and Procedures

Exchange Students

1. Students who are part of an approved reciprocal student exchange, may attend a Fort McMurray Catholic School if:
 - a. the student's admission has been approved by the school Principal in accordance with regulations and procedures;
 - b. the Principal of the host school determines that the exchange is fully compatible with the educational goals and resources of the school;
 - c. the exchange is approved by both the Principal and the Deputy-Superintendent;
 - d. arrangements have been made for local custodianship of the student;
 - e. the exchange does not exceed one school year;
 - f. the parent or host family provides evidence to the school Principal that the student has accident and medical coverage and District has reviewed and approved the coverage.
2. Exchange students may be registered as students of the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education and may be evaluated for assignments or marks or high school credits.
3. Exchange students are subject to Fort McMurray Catholic Schools administrative regulations and all school rules.

International Students

1. An international student may attend a program of study in a Fort McMurray Catholic Schools if:
 - a. in the opinion of the Deputy-Superintendent, in consultation with the relevant school Principal, a suitable placement exists, and
 - b. the student's admission has been arranged and authorized by the District Office
2. If the Deputy-Superintendent authorizes an international student to attend a program of study in a Fort McMurray Catholic School:
 - a. the Deputy-Superintendent will notify the student in writing; and

- b. the student must pay the Foreign Student Tuition Fee before final acceptance.

3. International student applications must comply with the following:

- a. international students in kindergarten to grade 6 in a regular school program must live with:
 - i. a parent who lives in the RMWB, or with
 - ii. a relative of the student residing in the RMWB and appointed as temporary custodian of the child.
- b. International students in grade 7 and onward and are under 18 years of age, must have a local custodian that has been screened and approved by an appropriate agency.

Priority for placement

Priority for the placement of International Students will be given to family members of residents of the RMWB that are:

- a. Canadian Citizen; or
- b. Lawfully admitted to Canada as a permanent or temporary resident

References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta School Act, Para 46 • Board Governance Policy EL # 4, 5 & 8 	Approved:
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