

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **Background**

The primary mandate of the District is the provision of educational programs and services for students who, according to the regulations of Alberta Education, qualify as funded students. In addition, the District, through its International Services Program, is prepared to extend these services to international students who have been granted appropriate temporary resident status by immigration authorities.

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.

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

### **Definitions**

Approved reciprocal student exchange means a reciprocal student exchange:

- Sponsored by the Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education, or
- Organized and sponsored by Alberta Education or the Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC), or
- 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.

Exchange student means a student from outside of Alberta on an approved reciprocal student exchange.

International student means a person who possesses a valid student visa and who is not funded under the Alberta Funding Manual and who has a student visa or a study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

## Procedures

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.
3. Exchange Students
  - 3.1 Students who are part of an approved reciprocal student exchange, may attend a Fort McMurray Catholic School if:
    - 3.1.1 The student's admission has been approved by the Principal in accordance with regulations and procedures;
    - 3.1.2 The Principal of the host school determines that the exchange is fully compatible with the educational goals and resources of the school;
    - 3.1.3 The exchange is approved by both the Principal and the Deputy Superintendent;
    - 3.1.4 Arrangements have been made for local custodianship of the student;
    - 3.1.5 The exchange does not exceed one school year;
    - 3.1.6 The parent or host family provides evidence to the Principal that the student has accident and medical coverage and District has reviewed and approved the coverage.
  - 3.2 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.
  - 3.3 Exchange students are subject to District administrative regulations and all school rules.
4. International Students
  - 4.1 An international student may attend a program of study in a Fort McMurray Catholic Schools if:
    - 4.1.1 In the opinion of the Deputy Superintendent, in consultation with the relevant school Principal, a suitable placement exists, and
    - 4.1.2 The student's admission has been arranged and authorized by the District Office.
  - 4.2 If the Deputy Superintendent authorizes an international student to attend a program of study in a Fort McMurray Catholic School:
    - 4.2.1 The Deputy Superintendent will notify the student in writing; and
    - 4.2.2 The student must pay the Foreign Student Tuition Fee before final acceptance.
  - 4.3 International student applications must comply with the following:

- 4.3.1 International students in kindergarten to grade 6 in a regular school program must live with:
  - 4.3.1.1 A parent who lives in the District, or with
  - 4.3.1.2 A relative of the student residing in the District and appointed as temporary custodian of the child.
- 4.3.2 International students in grade 7 and onward and are under eighteen (18) years of age, must have a local custodian that has been screened and approved by an appropriate agency.
- 4.4 Priority for placement
  - 4.4.1 Priority for the placement of international students will be given to family members of residents of the District that are:
    - 4.4.1.1 Canadian Citizen; or
    - 4.4.1.2 Lawfully admitted to Canada as a permanent or temporary resident.

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International School Partnership Bulletin 3.4.1  
International Student Bulletin 3.4.2  
Student Exchange Bulletin 3.4.3