

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

Background

The district will make available an educational program to all persons of school age resident in the district who enroll in schools in the District.

The Superintendent will issue letters confirming the enrolment of foreign students conditional upon the student obtaining a valid study permit and provided that:

1. the student and the student's parent, legal guardian or sponsor is ordinarily resident in BC;
2. the student is assigned to a specific school as determined by the Superintendent or designate; and
3. the parent, legal guardian or sponsor of the student agrees to pay any fees that may be charged by the district in respect of the student's educational program.

Procedures

1. All written statements on behalf of the district to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and/or responses to overseas inquiries shall be made by the Superintendent or designate.
2. The following foreign students, upon presentation of required documentation, may be accepted by the district through the office of the Superintendent or designate.
 - 2.1 Foreign students who:
 - 2.1.1 are First Nations with a band card issued by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, or
 - 2.1.2 are refugee claimants, or
 - 2.1.3 are deemed Convention Refugees, or
 - 2.1.4 have been admitted under a federal Minister's Permit.
 - 2.2 Foreign students whose parents:
 - 2.2.1 are citizens of Canada, or
 - 2.2.2 are or have made application to become landed immigrants or permanent residents, or
 - 2.2.3 have been admitted as temporary residents (e.g. on a study or work permit) for a term greater than one year, or
 - 2.2.4 have been admitted under a teacher exchange program, or

- 2.2.5 are diplomatic or consular officials, or
 - 2.2.6 are military personnel stationed in Canada under the Visiting Forces Act, or
 - 2.2.7 are clergy stationed in Canada performing religious duties, or
 - 2.2.8 are media personnel stationed in Canada to cover Canadian events, or
 - 2.2.9 are holders of a Minister's Permit, or
 - 2.2.10 have been sent to work in Canada by a foreign government to work in a federal or provincial agency pursuant to an official exchange agreement.
3. Foreign students who are on a reciprocal and equal exchange - in/out of the same district for the same length of time with the exchange completed in two years - arranged by a secondary school in the district through an association such as the Rotary Club will be accepted where space and enrollments permit.
4. The International Education Program allows international students other than foreign students identified above with student authorization from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to enter selected School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) schools by paying tuition fees. Acceptance in the International Education Program and subsequent placement in a school will be determined by the Superintendent or designate dependent on the applicant's educational background, attendance record, and present academic standing as indicated on the transcripts and on the availability of space in the International Program. All applicants must comply with immigration requirements.
- Students will be required to pay tuition fees, a non-refundable registration fee, fees for comprehensive health and accident insurance (Medical Services Plan), and any additional fees and charges levied by the school (e.g. activity fees, course fees, and the annual yearbook).
- Students will be required to name a responsible person in the Tri-City area who will be their primary contact with the school and who will ensure that accommodation and other living arrangements such as food, clothing and transportation are provided.
5. All foreign students, except landed immigrants or permanent residents and First Nations with a band card issued by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and all international students are required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to have a study permit. Most applicants must obtain a student authorization before leaving their country of residence to attend school in Canada

Reference: Section 82, School Act

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