



SD42 POLICY 9325

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education (the "Board") believes that welcoming international and out-of-province ("non-resident") students enriches the educational experience of the School District and contributes to a diverse and globally aware learning community. The presence of students from other jurisdictions provides opportunities for cultural exchange, broadens perspectives, and strengthens connections between the District and the global community.

The Board supports the participation of Board-authorized fee-paying international and out-of-province students in district schools in ways that enhance learning opportunities while ensuring that educational programs for resident students remain the primary priority of the School District.

The Board also recognizes that the International Student Program may generate revenue that can support educational services and programs within the district, provided the program operates in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.

AUTHORITY

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish procedures necessary to implement this policy, including procedures related to admissions, fees, program administration, homestay services, and operational requirements for non-resident students.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Non-resident students may be provided opportunities to participate in the educational and social environments of District schools and communities.
2. Programs for non-resident students should promote intercultural understanding and appreciation within schools and the broader community.
3. The International Student Program will be operated in a financially responsible manner, including the collection of fees and charges necessary to sustain the program.
4. The Board will approve the fees for non-resident education programs to ensure transparency, accountability, and alignment with financial sustainability of the program.
5. Participation of non-resident students should enrich the educational environment of district schools while minimizing impacts on space, resources, and instructional supports required for resident students.
6. The Board will receive an annual report on actual and projected non-resident student enrolment to support oversight, planning, and long-term sustainability of the program.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 82(1) of the [School Act](#), provides that boards of education must provide an educational program free of charge to students who are ordinarily resident in BC. Students who are not ordinarily resident in BC may be admitted to district schools on a fee-paying basis, in accordance with the School Act and applicable regulations.

The Board reserves the right to grant or refuse admission to any non-resident student.

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The Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) promotes and values the attendance of Board authorized fee paying International and Out of Province students to fulfill the following objectives:

- To offer opportunities to graduate with a British Columbia “Dogwood” Diploma and gain entrance to university.
- To promote awareness of and appreciation in our communities for other cultures.
- To offer opportunities to participate in the learning and social environments of our communities.
- To generate revenue to enhance educational services and/or programs by levying fees, charges for services, including any refunds, in a manner that ensures the financial resources needed to operate a cost effective and efficient program for the benefit of all students in the School District.
- To add to the rich educational environment within the School District.
- To provide these services to international students with minimal impact on the resident students with respect to space or additional instructional support.

Section 82(1) of the School Act requires the District to provide resident students with an educational program free of charge. Under the *School Act*, a student is resident in British Columbia if the student **and** the guardian of the student are ordinarily resident in British Columbia.

If a student is not resident in British Columbia, the Board may charge fees for the provision of an educational program. The Board reserves the right to grant or refuse admission to any individual.

Authority

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy.

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APPENDIX 1**

Non-Resident Fees – 10 month academic:

School Year	Application Fee	Annual Tuition Fee	Homestay Registration or Placement Fee	Homestay Fee	Custodian Fee	Airport Fee	Medical Insurance
2021/22	\$200	\$14,000	\$300	\$9,500	\$100	\$100	\$1,100
2022/23	\$200	\$14,500	\$300	\$9,500	\$100	Included	\$1,200
2023/24	\$200	\$14,500	\$350	\$10,500	\$50	Included	\$1,200

Non-Resident Fees - continuing education, distributed learning and summer school course:

School Year	Continuing Education Course	Distributed Learning Course	Summer School Course
2021/22	\$900	\$900	\$900
2022/23	\$900	\$900	\$900
2023/24	\$985	\$985	\$985