

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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