

501.7 Non-Resident Students

Policy

The Board supports the attendance of students from other parts of Canada and other countries as a means of fostering national and international goodwill and providing valuable learning experiences for participants and hosts.

Regulations

1. To access these opportunities, international students must meet all the requirements and regulations mandated by the Government of Canada.
2. The Board believes that non-resident students may be permitted to enroll in Division schools at no additional cost to the Division when there:
 - 2.1. is a program appropriate to the student's needs;
 - 2.2. are facilities appropriate to the student's needs;
 - 2.3. are staff appropriate to the student's needs;
 - 2.4. is sufficient space in the school; and
 - 2.5. is sufficient space in the classroom and/or program.
3. The following definitions will clarify the different types of non-resident students:
 - 3.1. **Non-Lethbridge residents who are from Alberta:**

This category would include students from anywhere in Alberta who would be attending an Alberta school and who have a parent who ordinarily resides in Alberta. Because they are Alberta residents they would not be charged tuition fees.
 - 3.2. **Non-resident Canadian Students who are not from Alberta:**

This category would include students under the age of 16 years, who are here without parents, but are living in Lethbridge with a custodian or a relative. Because their parents do not reside in Alberta, the students would be charged tuition fees. However, students at least 16 years of age who are determined to be independent students are not required to pay tuition fees.

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3.3. International Students:

3.3.1. International Students with Temporary Resident Status:

These students who are here either on their own with a study permit to attend school or are here with parents who have either a study permit or a work permit. If a student is here with a parent who has either a study permit or a work permit, they are not charged a tuition fee. All international students here on their own, are charged tuition fees.

3.3.2. Students with Landed Immigrant Status:

The Confirmation of a Permanent Residence Document, issued by the Government of Canada, gives international students "Landed Immigrant Status" until they become Canadian Citizens. They may be enrolled without any tuition fee, upon providing proof of their parent's legal residency in Canada.

3.3.3. Exchange Students

This applied to a student who is part of an approved exchange or travel program. This is available only at the high school level and all trips must be pre-approved. Exchange students are not eligible for grants and cannot earn an Alberta Education High School Diploma. The maximum stay for an exchange student shall be no longer than one school year. Where students from outside Alberta are participants in a legitimate exchange program that also involved Lethbridge School Division students attending schools in other parts of the world, tuition fees will be waived.

Visiting Students

3.3.4. Students visiting Canada may sit in on classes with permission from the school administration, provided that the visit is no longer than two weeks. Any visiting student desiring to sit in on classes for more than two

weeks must obtain permission from the Superintendent.

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4. Non-resident students must apply for admission.
 - 4.1. Students who are required to pay tuition must apply for admission through the Division's International Services office, and are required to pay an application fee.
 - 4.2. Tuition fees will cover all mandatory school fees for international students.
5. Once admitted, non-resident students shall have "resident student" status. They need not apply for admission each year provided their enrollment is continuous and any applicable permits have not expired.
6. Non-resident students with severe learning needs will not be enrolled without consultation with the Director of Inclusive Education.
7. Tuition fees will be determined annually for approval by the Board during the Division's budget process.
8. Any tuition fees levied will be prorated, based on the length of stay. Application fees will not be prorated and are required in full for an application to be considered.
9. International students must purchase medical insurance through a District approved insurance provider.
10. International students who require home stay arrangements must pay appropriate application and placement fees determined by the contracted Home Stay Provider and the Division.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Other Statutes: Citizenship Act