

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POLICY

No. F-1

Adopted: June 25, 2008
Amended: June 20, 2012
Amended: November 1, 2016 (application form)
Reviewed: May 13, 2020
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS/NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Preamble:

The Board of Education supports the registration of students who have moved from outside of Canada to British Columbia provided they meet the residency requirements of the School Act, and students who are on recognized student exchange programs.

Policy:

The Board of Education, upon application of the parents or guardian, may register students who are not Canadian citizens, or Landed Immigrants to attend public schools within the district subject to the regulations governing this policy.

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REGULATIONS

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A. Registration

The Superintendent has the sole responsibility to authorize the acceptance and registration of out of province/international students. These students must begin the registration process at the School Board Office.

B. Admission of International Students/Non-Resident Students – With Fee

Requirements

Students who do not qualify for admission to School District schools, without fee, may apply for entry provided:

- An annual District Fee of \$12,000 is prepaid prior to the start of the school term.
- An annual District Fee of \$1,200 per course for Online Learning through YouLearn.ca is prepaid prior to the start of the school term.
- The student possesses a valid Student Visa.
- Parents/guardians sign a declaration that:
 - o The Board will not be responsible for travel arrangements nor medical expenses.
 - o School and grade placement will be determined by the Superintendent of Schools and is dependent on space availability in the immediate and projected (2 years) future.
 - o The student has a local guardian/sponsor for emergency purposes.
 - o Age qualifications are met.
- Appropriate application forms provided by the District are completed.

Other normal charges related to school fees or English Language Learners costs may also be charged.

English Proficiency

If the assessment indicates that a student requires English language help and this support is not available at the requested school, the District reserves the right to place the student in a school which has an appropriate program.

Enrolling Grade

The District will determine the grade placement of each student based on age, assessment results and previous school experiences. The District then reserves the right to place a student in the school with the most appropriate program with available space.

Enrolment Procedures

A letter of permission for international students to enroll in a specific school will be issued to parents or the student and the receiving school once the requirements have been satisfied. Only after this letter of permission has been given may principals enroll an international student. Students may enroll only in the school specified in the letter.

Refunds

1. A 50% refund will be paid to students who withdraw prior to the start of their education program.
2. A 25% refund will be paid to students who withdraw anytime between the start of their education program and the end of the first month of their education program.
3. No refund will be paid to students who withdraw after the end of the first month of their education program, nor will a refund be paid to students who are removed from the program at any time due to a violation of school or program rules.
4. Students who are forced to withdraw from the program due to unforeseen circumstances, such as death in the immediate family or an illness, or other circumstances deemed valid by the District, shall receive a pro-rated refund of tuition fees upon submitting proof supporting their reasons to leave.

C. Admission of Exchange Students – Without Fee

International students requesting permission to enroll will be accepted without fee if they qualify under any of the following, subject to the age qualifications and availability of funding available from the Ministry of Education. The student will:

1. possess a current Student Visa;
2. be participating in a recognized, non-profit student exchange program such as programs operated by Rotary International.

D. Age Qualifications

Non-Canadian students who are 19 years of age or older as of July 1 are not eligible for involvement in any program other than continuing or adult education programs.

Notwithstanding the conditions for qualifications, the School District reserves the right to refuse an education program to any international student.

APPLICATION FORM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT - REQUEST FOR ADMISSION
School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
Box 1770, Oliver British Columbia, Canada, V0H 1T0

Telephone: (250) 498-3481

Fax: (250) 498-4070

STUDENT NAME: _____
Surname Given Names

STUDENT'S BIRTHDATE: _____ GENDER: Male Female
Year Month Day Circle One

NATIONALITY _____

NAME OF STUDENT'S FATHER: _____
Please Print

NAME OF STUDENT'S MOTHER: _____
Please Print

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street

City Home Country

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
Full Telephone Number (with international code) (Area Code) Number

NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

LIST ANY PHYSICAL, MEDICAL AND/OR LEARNING NEEDS WHICH THE SCHOOL SHOULD KNOW OF:

LIST ANY ALLERGIES: _____

SCHOOL YEAR AND/OR SEMESTER APPLIED FOR: _____ TO _____

STUDENT'S CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: GRADE: _____

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SERVICES REQUIRED: YES ☐ NO ☐

I AM AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WITH: _____ YES ☐ NO ☐

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY REGARDING INTERNATIONAL / EXCHANGE STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 AND AGREE TO THE TERMS LAID OUT IN THE POLICY

Signature of Person Completing the Application

Dated

Signature of Father of Student

Dated

Signature of Mother of Student

Dated

CANADIAN RESIDENCE INFORMATION:

NAME OF GUARDIAN/SPONSOR: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

Postal Code

Telephone Number (s)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDEMNITY AUTHORIZATION

We agree that School District No. 53 is not responsible for travel, accommodation and medical expenses and arrangements. Furthermore, in the event of an emergency in which School District No.53 incurs an expense, we agree to indemnify and hold School District No.53 harmless from all manner of actions, suits, debts, loss, costs, claims or demands arising there from.

Signature of Parents/Guardian (Home Country)

Signature of Student

The fee for a school year (September to June) is subject to change annually. After a review of the student's application form and acceptance of the student by the Superintendent of Schools, a letter to the Canadian Immigration authorities will be issued.