

501: ENROLMENT ELIGIBILITY (P)

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POLICY

The Board of Education agrees with the position of the Ministry of Education that public schools exist for the education of school-aged children resident in British Columbia. In general, the Board will not encourage pupils from outside of Canada to enrol in District schools, except where recognized international exchanges are involved.

REGULATIONS

1.0 RESIDENT STUDENTS

Enrolment in District schools is available for school-aged persons who;

are Canadian citizens, or;
have landed immigrant status,
are registered as an Indian under the Indian Act

2.0 NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident/international students wishing to enrol in District schools must;

- 2.1 present proof of a valid Canadian Immigration and Citizenship Student authorization and;
- 2.2 demonstrate English usage acceptable to the school principal and;
- 2.3 pay a tuition fee as outlined in Policy 6200

3.0 TUITION FEE WAIVER

Tuition fees will be waived for international students who are eligible for provincial funding as follows:

- 3.1 An international student who:
 - 3.1.1 is a refugee claimant, or whose claim is in process and can substantiate this with a "letter of no objection";

- 3.2 An international student whose parent(s):
 - 3.2.1 has been admitted to Canada for permanent residence (i.e. landed immigrant), or has applied for permanent residence and can substantiate this with a “letter of approval in principle”;
 - 3.2.2 has been admitted for temporary residence in Canada for a term greater than two years (e.g. on a student authorization or employment authorization);
 - 3.2.3 has been admitted under a teacher exchange program;
 - 3.2.4 is carrying out official duties as a diplomatic or consular official and is able to substantiate this with a Foreign Representative Acceptance Counterfoil in the parent’s passport; or
- 3.3 An international student who is attending school on a reciprocal and equal exchange.

Principals **MUST NOT** provide letters to the Immigration Department agreeing to accept persons of school age in District schools.

1.0 ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

- 4.1 An adult student is one who is 19 years of age or older on or before July 1 preceding the year in attendance.
- 4.2 Adult and graduate students require the permission of the school principal to enrol in a school.
- 4.3 Adult students who do not possess a B.C. Graduation certificate are not required to pay a registration fee.
- 4.4 Adult students who possess a B.C. Graduation certificate will be required to pay a registration fee for each course enrolled in. The fee per course will be \$250.
- 4.5 Students who have graduated but are not yet adults are not required to pay a registration fee.