

## 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.**

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### **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.