



XXX: International Student Program (P)

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International Student Program (PRISP)

Background: The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of international education opportunities for fostering global understanding, cultural exchange, and enriching the learning experiences of students within the district. An international student is defined as any non-Canadian student who pays tuition fees and whose natural parents do not hold any valid visa status that would qualify the student for free schooling in Canada.

Purpose: The purpose of the International Student Program (PRISP) is to provide opportunities for international students to study within our district, promoting cultural exchange, diversity, and global citizenship among students and staff.

Admission and Enrollment:

1. The Board shall establish and maintain the Pacific Rim International Student Program (PRISP) to facilitate the admission and enrollment of international students.
2. International students may be admitted as fee-paying students or through recognized student exchange programs.
3. Admission to PRISP is contingent upon meeting the criteria outlined in the admission policy, including sufficient English language proficiency, availability of space in district schools, and compliance with visa and immigration regulations.

Program Administration:

1. The Board shall designate a Department of International Education to oversee the administration of PRISP, including agency and student recruitment, enrollment, and student support services.
2. The Department of International Education shall establish tuition fees annually, subject to Board approval, to cover program costs and support services for international students.
3. The Board reserves the right to determine entry to educational programs and may place international students in appropriate grade levels based on age, academic background, and language proficiency.

Homestay and Student Support:

1. International students enrolled in PRISP may be placed in district-approved homestay arrangements or reside with parents, guardians, or approved custodians.
2. The Board shall ensure that international students receive adequate support services, including academic counseling, English language support, and cultural orientation programs.



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Compliance and Conduct:

1. International students enrolled in PRISP must adhere to the district's code of conduct, school policies, and Canadian laws.
2. The Board reserves the right to dismiss international students from PRISP for violations of conduct or failure to meet academic requirements.

Financial Considerations:

1. Tuition fees for international students shall be established to cover program costs and support services.
2. The Board may refund tuition fees according to established refund policies in cases of program denial, student withdrawal, or program dismissal.

Resources and References

Central Okanagan School District

Sooke School District

Saanich School District