

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

**504.1
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Non-Resident Students**

DEFINITIONS:

- School Age** is defined by the *School Act*
- Resident** as defined in the *School Act*, the student is ordinarily resident in the school district when the student regularly and customarily lives in the school district and considers that locality as his/her home, and the guardian of the student is ordinarily resident in British Columbia in the meaning set out in the *School Act* defining the residency of a student.
- Guardianship** the person claiming to be the guardian of the student shall have legally established guardianship under the British Columbia court order as defined in the *Family Relations Act*. Unless a British Columbia court makes an order to the contrary, only the parents of a child have legal guardianship.

Admission Categories:

Subject to Board Policy 504 (P), Non-Resident Students may be admitted under the following categories.

1. **Student exchange:** Students from foreign countries and other provinces may be admitted to Chilliwack School District provided:
 - a) The student is part of Board approved school district reciprocal exchange
 - b) The student is part of a private organization's reciprocal exchange that is sanctioned by the Board.

In both cases, the foreign student is in the school district for educational service in exchange for similar services provided to local students sent abroad. In addition there must be equal numbers of students incoming and outgoing. The Board receives fiscal funding for these students.

Cross Refs: Non-Resident Student Policy, International Student Policy, Adult Student Fees Policy

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Reviewed:

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Tuition fees would not be charged unless additional ESL or other services were required.

Proposals for student exchange programs shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designate for approval on the form attached to this regulation.

Prior to any commitment being made to parents, students or outside organizations, approval must be provided by the Superintendent. Individual staff members shall not be placed under any obligation to sponsor an exchange program. Exchange programs shall always be regarded as an optional activity for student participation and must have the prior approval of the parent/guardian.

Approval may be granted subject to:

- a) the school's ability to provide an appropriate educational program that will not adversely affect the education of students who are Chilliwack residents.
 - b) significant additional support services are not required to assist the exchange student's competence in written and spoken English.
 - c) the maximum number of exchange students determined by the school will not be exceeded.
 - d) the request for participation in an exchange program being received prior to May 15 of the previous year to take effect the following September
2. **Children of Teacher Exchange:** Children of a Board approved teacher exchange (ie, a teacher employed by Chilliwack school district is sent abroad in exchange for a teacher from a foreign country or province) may be admitted to the school district provided there are no additional costs accrued to the Board to accommodate the student and with the understanding that the school district reserves the right to place the student in an appropriate educational program. The Superintendent or designate has responsibility to ensure appropriate communication and liaison takes place with the sponsors of the exchange programs and other government agencies (eg, Canada House) and the incoming teacher.
3. **Foreign Students:** Pursuant to Board policy, foreign students who meet the established criteria, may be admitted without payment of fees provided the following conditions are met:

- a) proof of residency with their parents/guardians in the school district and landed immigrant status or
 - b) Proof of residency with their parents/guardians in the school district and their parents have been admitted by Employment and Immigration Canada under a work permit for a year or more (IMM 1102 Work Permit). This will be valid only up to the date of expiry.
 - c) Proof of residency with their parents/guardians in the school district and verification that they are on "refugee status" (Employment and Immigration Canada "no objection" letter).
 - d) Proof of residency with their parents/guardians who are in possession of a valid student authorization Employment and Immigration Canada (IMM 1208 Student Authorization) to enrol in a degree granting program at a post secondary institution in BC for a year or more. This will be valid for the period of the authorization only.
 - e) Proof of residency of the family who have been admitted with their parents to the country and taken up residence in the school district under official Employment and Immigration Canada compassionate grounds" status.
4. Foreign students temporarily resident in Chilliwack for a primary purpose other than education such as junior hockey or other programs may be admitted subject to course fees being paid at the rate established in the School District Adult Student Fee policy.