

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

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POLICY  
Distance Learning Ordinarily Resident**

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The Board believes that students who are ordinarily resident in the province of British Columbia should be recognized for eligibility for the purposes of delivering Distributed Learning services. A student is considered resident in the province of British Columbia if the student is ordinarily resident in the province and the parent/ guardian of the student is ordinarily resident in British Columbia.

Notwithstanding the definition offered above, students may be considered temporarily absent from British Columbia for a maximum of two years, yet still retain status as ordinarily resident, as follows:

- a) The parent/guardian remains resident in British Columbia while the student is temporarily absent. This temporary absence is marked by clear documentation that the student will be returning to the parental home at the end of this temporary absence. Some exchange students, athletes competing at elite levels, and students involved in extended travel or self-funded studies overseas could be considered ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
- b) If the student is temporarily absent from the province with the parent/guardian they may be considered ordinarily resident in British Columbia if there is clear evidence that the family will be returning to British Columbia. This evidence might include clear evidence of property ownership, a letter from an employer indicating the commencement or termination of a contract for work, or any other documentation deemed sufficient by the Superintendent or designate.

An International Student who is regarded as “ordinarily resident” for funding purposes as defined by the Ministry of Education’s Policy Document *International Students* is considered ordinarily resident for the purposes of receiving distributed learning services.