INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Background

International education "provides students with the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to function effectively in [an] interdependent global context." (Alberta Education Handbook for International Education Administrators)

Programs include teacher exchange programs, student exchanges, and international students attending Division schools, international school partnerships and international field trips.

Procedures

1. **International education programs**

   1.1   Student exchange programs provide for the exchange of students between the Division and another country. These programs require that a Division student and the international exchange student are involved in a reciprocal exchange authorized by Alberta Education.

   1.2   Educator exchange programs allow a teacher to teach in another country for a specified amount of time in an Alberta Education approved program. For the purpose of this Administrative Procedure, the length of service to teach abroad will not be in excess of one (1) calendar or one (1) school year.

   1.3   International education programs for students who apply to attend Division schools under a tuition fee agreement. Students may attend Division schools for short stay or long stay programs.

      1.3.1   Short Stay Programs –Programs of a duration less than one (1) semester. Administrative Procedure 301 – Non-Resident Student Tuition Agreements and Fees applies to these students.

      1.3.2   Long Stay Programs –Programs of a duration of one (1) semester or more. Administrative Procedure 301 – Non-Resident Student Tuition Agreements and Fees applies to these students.

   1.4   International School Partnerships are an opportunity for a Division school to twin with another school from another country. Purposes vary and may include shared learning opportunities, international visits and student exchanges.

   1.5   International System Partnerships are programs in which the Division develops a long-term relationship with another school system outside of Canada.

2. System and school personnel will encourage involvement in international education programs.

3. The Office of the Superintendent will work to support all international programs defined in this Administrative Procedure.

3.1 The primary focus for recruitment of students will focus on collaboration with Alberta Education and other school authority international education programs.

4. All programs offered in the Division must meet the requirements set out in administrative procedures in regards to definitions, tuition agreements or any other requirement stipulated.

5. Costs to participate in the program must meet the following requirements.

5.1 Student Exchange Programs – costs for this program are born by the student and his/her family. No financial support is provided by the Division.

5.2 Educator Exchange Programs – costs for this program are born by the educator. No financial support is provided by the Division.

5.3 International Student Programs – students enrolling in Division schools from out of Canada must pay the tuition and all other fees including homestay as outlined in Administrative Procedure 301 and the agreement with The Canada Homestay Network Inc. or other Homestay arrangement as approved by the Division. No financial support is provided by the Division.

5.4 International School Partnerships – costs for this program are born by the school budget or as arranged for by the Principal and approved by the Division.

5.5 International System Partnerships – costs for this program are born by the Division, school or individual participating in the partnership. This will be dependent upon the type of activities planned. Certain activities within this partnership may involve student exchanges, educator exchanges, or other international education program and funding may come from alternate sources.