POLICY

The Board of School Trustees supports and encourages admission of international students at no cost to the Board and British Columbia taxpayers.

REGULATION

1. An "exchange" student is one involved in a <u>reciprocal</u> exchange (i.e. equal numbers of incoming and outgoing on a district basis, whether arranged through the Ministry of Education or an outside agency). The Board receives fiscal funding for this student and tuition fees would not be charged.

2. Any other incoming student not involved in a <u>reciprocal</u> exchange on a district basis would be considered an "offshore" or "international" student. The Ministry of Education will not pay direct operating costs for offshore students nor share in any tuition fee revenue received by the Board.

3. The tuition fee charged for attendance in District programs will be based on guidelines recommended by the senior staff responsible for the program and approved by the Board. Such fees will include an amount for home stay, medical insurance, school fees, airport pickup, and other approved program costs. A portion of the tuition fee, as approved by the senior staff, will be refunded if a student leaves the program early or is sent home.

4. Written acceptance of admission of International students to schools is to be given by the Superintendent or designate.

5. International students admitted to School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) must meet Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) criteria to study in Canada. Students admitted for periods of six months or more and/or students requiring a visa to travel to Canada must successfully apply and be approved for a study permit prior to arrival. Qualifying students admitted for fewer than six months may not require a study permit and can arrive and be admitted with visitor's status. The International Education Manager or designate shall make a photocopy of the student's passport including stamps and inserts relevant to the student's immigration status for the student's file.