

# International Students Policy

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### **RATIONALE/PURPOSE**

In recent years, many students from other countries have come to British Columbia for schooling because their families value the high quality of education provided by our school system. Some International students enroll in Canadian schools to upgrade their language ability in one or both of Canada's official languages. Some students enroll to benefit from the cross-cultural experience of living and attending school in a country other than their own. Others come in order to graduate from secondary schools and earn a Dogwood Diploma.

Ministry of Education policy provides guidelines for international students who intend to graduate from a public or independent school in British Columbia with a Dogwood Certificate.

### **POLICY**

The Board supports enrollment of international students and strives to meet their educational needs while ensuring that those who intend to graduate meet all of the requirements of the Ministry of Education legislation and policy.

International students who intend to graduate must meet all graduation requirements in ways that ensure competence in either French or English. In accordance with Ministry policy, international students may be restricted in the number and type of courses given credit through equivalency, external credits, or challenge.

Enrollment of international and non-reciprocal exchange students is subject to space being available and to tuition being paid to cover costs of their educational program.

Reciprocal exchange students is subject to space being available and a local student attending in their stead overseas.

### **REFERENCES**

Ministry of Education Policy, International Student Graduation Credit  
Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order

### **Related Policies and Regulations:**

1220-10 - - International and Non-Reciprocal Exchange Students - Admission and Tuition