

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION COMPLETION

Application Requirements

Submit the following items with this application:

1. All original transcripts/school reports for the last 3 years (current year and previous two years, in English). NOTE: photocopies must be certified with a school stamp. **Failure to comply will result in a delay or denial of the application.**
2. Copy of student's Passport (and study permit if student is already studying in Canada).
3. Copy of the parent's Passport (if available)
4. Copy of the student's Care Card (if student is already studying in BC).
5. Signed Student Participation Agreement and, if applicable, the *Homestay Waiver Form (p.10)*.
6. Non-refundable application fee \$200.

Admission Criteria

Each applicant's acceptance into the International Program and subsequent school placement will be determined by:

1. The applicant's educational background and present academic standing as indicated on the transcripts/school reports.
2. The availability of space in the International Program.

Other Admission Criteria

- Programs are available on either a full academic year or semester basis. This means that during any academic year (September – June) students must plan to be in our program for either a full year (ten months) or one semester (five month minimum).
- The upper age limit to apply is 17 (as of December 31).
- If you would like to graduate with a BC Dogwood High School Diploma please refer to appendix A for graduation requirements.
- Students under the age of 12 must be accompanied by and reside with a parent or direct relative.

Apply as early as possible as space in the International Program is limited. All applications will be acknowledged. Applicants will normally be advised within one week whether or not they have been offered placement in an Abbotsford school.

Placement

Placement of international students is subject to assessment by the School District and the availability of appropriate spaces and programs in schools.

International students will be placed in a regular academic program and may receive English as a Second Language support based on English Assessment results and available programs. International students are not eligible for designated programs and services (*e.g. special education or alternate programs*). If a student is found to have special needs requiring designated services after enrolling in the program, the School District will not be able to accommodate those needs and the student will be withdrawn.

Application Process

The following steps are taken to process an application:

1. Application is received with application fee, 3 years of official transcripts/school reports, and signed Student Agreement and, if applicable, the Homestay Waiver Form.
2. Application is screened for admittance into the International Program.
3. Pre-acceptance letter and invoice are faxed/mailed to applicant or representative.
4. Full payment of fees due and all supporting documents (signed and notarized custodian document) must be received.
5. Official letter of acceptance, notarized custodianship (if requested), orientation information, arrival confirmation form, and homestay information (if requested), will be couriered to the applicant or their representative. Students **must apply for a Study Permit** at their designated Canadian Embassy with the Original Letter of Acceptance.

As soon as you have received your Study Permit and have confirmed travel arrangements, please forward the completed Arrival Confirmation Form to our office.

Fee Schedule

Application Fee		\$200.00
Tuition Fee	2 semester (10 month program) 1 semester (5 month program)	\$12,000.00 or , \$6000.00
Compulsory Medical Insurance	It is compulsory that our international students have health insurance. Medical Services Plan of British Columbia (MSP) coverage is required by law. MSP will cover all international students at the end of a three-month waiting period. During the three-month waiting period, the school district purchases private medical coverage for all international students, the cost of which is included in the Health Insurance Fee. YOU MUST inform the School District in writing of your arrival date in Canada. The School District will only provide medical coverage up to 2 weeks prior to orientation. If a student arrives before this date, they must provide their own travel insurance.	\$750.00
Homestay Program	A Homestay offers: Accommodation and meals, seven days a week, for the entire duration of the school year. A private room and reasonable access to all the home's facilities. Inspection, background checks, interviews and monitoring of every homestay.	
Homestay Placement Fee Non-refundable	This fee is for placement and monitoring of the homestay.	\$450.00
<i>Monthly Homestay Rent</i>	<i>The student pays rent directly to the host parent(s) on the 1st of each month. The daily rate is \$23.50(\$25.00 as of Aug 1, 2010) if less than one month</i>	\$750.00
Additional Homestay Service Package	If requesting the <u>Additional Homestay Service Package</u> note billing information as detailed on page 3.	
Other Fees (if required)		
Airport Pick-up	We offer an airport reception service. The cost is \$150. As soon as you have confirmed travel arrangements, please forward the completed <u>Airport Reception Form</u> to our office.	\$150.00
Custodianship	Immigration Canada requires that all international students under the age of 19 years have a notarized declaration signed by a parent and their Canadian custodian.	Free

Additional Offers

Additional Child(ren) Discount

We offer a discount for families with more than one child in our program. The first child's tuition is at the full rate. For any additional child(ren), the discount is \$500 for the full academic year and \$250 for half the academic year.

In addition to your tuition, the tuition fee includes the following: One of our International Assistants monitoring your child, the orientation program, use of textbooks, student activity fees, and year-end picnic.

Additional Homestay Service Package – Administration of Monthly Homestay Rent

We also offer an additional service package. The School District will, on the your behalf, issue the homestay family your monthly rent payment. If you want this service, please indicate your request on the Application Form and Homestay Request Form.

The Additional Service Package requires that the total fees, as indicated below, **be paid in-full at the time of billing. IF you arrive before the 1st of the month you MUST pay the homestay directly \$25.00/day.**

Itemized Fee Schedule

Homestay Placement Fee Non-refundable	This fee is for placement and monitoring of the homestay and does not cover the first or last month rent.	\$450.00
★ ★ Monthly Rent	Two Semesters (10 months at \$750 per month or , One Semester (5 months at \$750 per month	\$7500.00 or , \$3750.00
<u>Additional Homestay Service Package Billing Summary:</u>		
▪ If your program of study is: Two Semesters you will be billed.....		\$7950.00
▪ If your program of study is: One Semester you will be billed.....		\$4200.00
Refund:		
▪ If the student withdraws from the Homestay Program prior to the start of their program, the full amount minus 50% (\$225.00) of the Homestay Placement Fee is refunded back to the client.		
▪ If the student withdraws after the start of their program the unused portion of the rent will be refunded back to the client. In this case the Homestay Placement Fee is a non-refundable amount.		

Fee Payments

Fees are to be paid by

- a. International Money Order Payable to: **School District No. 34 (Abbotsford).**

Please mail/courier to: School District #34 (Abbotsford)
ATTENTION: International Programs
2790 Tims Street, Abbotsford,
British Columbia, Canada V2T 4M7

Or

- b. Direct Wire Transfer to: BMO Bank Of Montreal 101-32988 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 2A8
Name of Account: School District #34 (Abbotsford)
Account Number: 1069805 Bank ID: 001 Transit Number: 07090
Swift Code: BOFMCAM2

The **Wire Transfer must clearly state the STUDENT'S NAME.** For tracking purpose, a copy of the wire transaction document must be faxed or emailed to the International Programs Office. Please do not make Direct Deposit to our Bank. Payments must be sent directly to the International Programs Office for processing.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

“Please print in English”

Minimum period of study to apply for is one semester (five months).

I am applying for the school year: September 20____(Year) February 20____(Year)

I am applying for: One Semester(5 months) Two Semester (10 months)

Are you intending to graduate from a BC High School? If yes, please refer to appendix A.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Family Name *Given Name* *Canadian Given Name (if desired)*

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: Male Female
Day *Month* *Year*

Country of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ First Language: _____

If your child has ever had a BC Medical Care Card, please provide Care Card # : _____

PARENT INFORMATION IN HOME COUNTRY

Your Child resides with: Mother Father Both

1) **Father** _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Family Name *Given Name* *Day* *Month* *Year*

2) **Mother** _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Family Name *Given Name* *Day* *Month* *Year*

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Number: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Address _____

City _____ Province/Region: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

SIBLINGS

Do you have a brother/sister who is currently attending or has applied to attend our program YES NO.

▪ Please provide name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

HOMESTAY INFORMATION

Do you need to apply for Homestay? YES NO

- **If YES**, please complete the Homestay Application Form and send with this application.

If you are also requesting our Additional Service Package (please refer to page 2 Homestay Accommodation), please check.

- **If No, who will you be living with:** Parent Other (relative / private arrangement)

If you answered **Other**, you must complete and sign the Homestay Waiver Form. It must be attached to this application.

CUSTODIAN

Immigration Canada requires that all international students under the age of 19 have a notarized declaration signed by a parent and by their Canadian Custodian. Please provide us with the following information:

I want the International Program to be the Custodian for my child.

I have made my own arrangements for an adult Custodian as follows: (please provided a copy of the signed and notarized custodian documents)

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____ Relationship to the student: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ Email: _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Number _____

AIRPORT RECEPTION

YES, I require Airport Reception NO, I do not require Airport Reception

MEDICAL HISTORY (A complete medical examination may be required prior to entry into Canada)

* Note: YOU MUST inform the School District in writing of your arrival date in Canada. The School District will only provide medical coverage up to 2 weeks prior to orientation. If a student arrives before this date, they must provide their own travel insurance.

- Does your child have any allergies? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____
- Does your child have any medical condition/or take any medication? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____
- Does your child have any medical condition that might hinder his/her ability to participate fully, either academically or socially? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____
- Does your child have any perceived or documented learning disability, physical handicap, social integration difficulty, special learning needs? Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____
- Does your child have any behavioral concerns or a history of criminal behavior? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Circle the grade you are applying for as per the grade placement guide:

Elementary: K 1 2 3 4 5 Middle: 6 7 8 Secondary: 9 10 11 12

Grade placement based on age of the student as of December 31.													
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Are there any schools you prefer to attend in Abbotsford?

If yes, please list three:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Placement in your school of choice is not always possible. We reserve the right to determine final placement.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Please provide the name and address of the school currently attending.

School Name & Address	City	Country	Dates Attended	Grade(s) Completed

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I give permission for my child's name, photograph and video to be used as it relates to the production of a school play or concert, a school event or promotion of the Abbotsford School District. Yes No

PARENT CONSENT

Immunization

I give permission for my child to receive any medically recommended immunization shots. Yes No

How did you hear about the International Education Program at the Abbotsford School District?

- Friend/Relative Education Fair Newspaper/Magazine _____
- Website (Which site?) _____ Referred by Agent (Name of Agency) _____

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 Abbotsford (the "School District") wishes to provide a challenging and exciting program to students studying in our School District. There are, however, certain expectations of students when we accept them into our program. These expectations include important obligations on the part of each student accepted to study at our schools, and we set a high standard in requiring all students to meet their obligations.

Each student and the guardian or the parent of each student that is accepted into our program must read the following statement and must, by signing it, agree to be bound by and to honour its terms strictly.

1. Law, Rules and Regulations

- a) I agree to abide by all the laws of Canada and my home country, and the rules, regulations, and policies of schools and the School District.
- b) I agree not to purchase, use or have in my possession, which includes my homestay premises, school locker, or vehicle, any drugs not prescribed for me by a doctor.
- c) I agree not to purchase, use or have in my possession, which includes my homestay premises, school locker, or vehicle, any alcoholic beverages.
- d) I agree not to purchase, use or have in my possession, which includes my homestay premises, school locker, or vehicle, any weapons including firearms, air-guns, knives or martial arts implements.
- e) I agree to respect the property of others and understand that any theft is a breach of the law.
- f) I agree not to engage in fighting, bullying, racial taunting or similar activity.
- g) I agree that I will not drive any motor vehicles other than my own and then only if I have a valid B.C. drivers license and appropriate motor vehicle insurance, and only with notarized parental permission. We understand that the School District does not encourage or endorse the ownership or operation of motor vehicles by international students. Neither the School District nor the homestay parents will be held, in any way, responsible for any accidents or liabilities arising from owning and/or operating a motor vehicle.

I understand that infractions of any of the above rules will result in my immediate dismissal from the International Program of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford), without refund of any kind, and with notification to the Canadian Embassy of my dismissal. I also understand that a breach of any criminal law may result in criminal charges and penalties.

2. Homestay Policy

We agree that student safety is of paramount importance to the School District and that parents and students must respect and adhere to the established policy. We understand that violation will result in removal from the Program.

We understand that international students who are **under the age of 12** are accepted only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- A parent must accompany the child, reside full-time in Abbotsford, and provide care and custodianship for their child. If the parent(s) must leave Abbotsford (i.e. return to home country) while the child is enrolled in the international program, the child must go with them.
- If requested, the District will permit students under the age of 12 to reside with a direct relative. Direct relative is defined to mean that the parent(s) are related to the individual by bloodline or by marriage. If the child is to be cared for by a relative, as defined above, then the parent(s) and the relative must provide the School District with a letter of verification that has been notarized by a lawyer stating that the relationship is in compliance with this policy.

We understand that international students that are **12 years of age and older** are accepted only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- We acknowledge that it is mandatory for students to live with a homestay family, if the student is 12 years old or older, that consists of at least one adult of twenty-five (25) years of age or older.
- We acknowledge that, if at any time, the student is not living in a homestay, the School District's policy may lead to immediate dismissal from the program.
- If the student is living with a parent, the parent must not leave Abbotsford while their child is enrolled in our program. If the parent must leave Abbotsford, they are required to make the necessary homestay arrangements to cover for their absence and notify the School District of these changes.

3. Academic Life

We understand that international students are expected to follow the same course requirements as Canadian counterparts. The student will maintain a minimum grade average of "C", and if not, do whatever is necessary to improve his/her academic performance. This may include receiving tutoring at the student's expense.

- a) I agree to attend school on a regular basis and to bring a note from my parent or homestay parent explaining any absence from school.

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have enclosed the following:

- Completed Application Form
- All original transcripts/school reports for the last 3 years (current year and previous two years, in English). NOTE: photocopies must be certified with a school stamp.
- Copy of student's Passport (and study permit if student is already studying in Canada).
- Copy of the student's BC Medical Care Card (if student is or has studied in BC).
- Copy of parents' Passport
- Signed Student Participation Agreement and, if applicable, the *Homestay Waiver Form*.
- Application Fee \$200

APPENDIX A.

International Student Graduation Credit Policy

High schools in Abbotsford School District run by semester system. One year consists of 2 semesters and at each semester students take 4 courses.

To earn a Dogwood Diploma (British Columbia high school diploma), international students must meet all graduation requirements.

Required Courses (4 credits/each course)

Grade 10

- Language Arts 10 (mandatory provincial exam)
- Social Studies 10
- Mathematics 10 (mandatory provincial exam)
- Science 10 (mandatory provincial exam)
- Physical Education 10
- Planning 10
- Fine Arts and/or an Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12

Grade 11

- Language Arts 11
- Social Studies 11 (mandatory provincial exam)
- Mathematics 11 or 12
- Science 11 or 12
- Fine Arts and/or an Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12

Grade 12

- Language Arts 12 (mandatory provincial exam)
- Mathematics 11 or 12
- Science 11 or 12
- Fine Arts and/or an Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12
- Graduation Transitions

If students completed grade 10 in the country they are from and entered after grade 10, they can receive credits of the following courses through equivalency review:

- Social Studies 10
- Language Arts 10
- Science 10
- Math 10
- Physical Education 10
- Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12
- Elective courses

Students must earn at least total of 80 credits.

- 52 credits for required courses including Graduation Transitions
- a minimum of 28 elective credits that must include a minimum of 12 credits at the grade 12 level