

**CULTURAL EXPLORATION STUDENT-INITIATED PROJECT (SIP)
PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL FORM**

I have discussed the Cultural Exploration Student-initiated Project (SIP) Credit Option with my son/daughter and support their participation in the credit option in the following activity and I am aware:

- that participation by a student in the cultural exploration activity may, but will not necessarily, be recognized by the school for a senior years credit and that whether a credit will be recognized and the level of credit that will be based on the skills and knowledge that are obtained by the student in the activity, which will be evaluated by the school prior to their participation and confirmed by the school following completion of the activity;
- that a maximum of one credit can be earned as a Cultural Exploration SIP Credit which can be used towards the 28 credits required for graduation;
- that participation by a student in a cultural exploration activity **prior** to him/her obtaining permission from the school to proceed with the activity **cannot** be applied towards a Cultural Exploration SIP Credit;
- that in order for a cultural exploration activity to be recognized for a Cultural Exploration SIP Credit, no remuneration or honourarium can be accepted by the student;
- that participation by a student in an activity for a Cultural Exploration SIP Credit is a private activity outside the regular school program;
- that a student who participates in an activity for Cultural Exploration SIP Credit is not in a course nor performing an activity that is a part of a course that is approved by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, and is not engaging in an education program nor participating in a program conducted off the school premises under the authority of a school board;
- that in evaluating the activity prior to the commencement of the cultural exploration activity by the student, the school will evaluate only the skills and knowledge to be obtained by the student in the activity and will not evaluate any hazards that may be associated with the cultural exploration activity;
- that neither the school, the school division, nor Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth will be liable for any injury to the student or for any damage to or loss of property of the student caused by or in any way related to the student's participation in a cultural exploration activity;
- that a student and his or her parents/guardians bear the responsibility for the student's safety. A student should discuss concerns about the nature of the activity with his/her parents/guardians and together, they should exercise discretion, be aware of safety issues and investigate the liability insurance coverage for the student before deciding that the student will participate in the cultural exploration activity;
- that a student may withdraw from the activity at any time for any reason, including for the reason that a student may withdraw from the activity location if conditions are not acceptable to the student or his/her parents/guardians.

I have read and understand the above information.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____