

# Enrolment Cap Policy for International Students in Manitoba Kindergarten to Grade 12 Schools

## 1. Application

- a. This policy applies to all Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools within Manitoba.
- b. International students<sup>1</sup> include foreign national students
  - i. holding work or study permits
  - ii. attending school in Manitoba under a foreign exchange arrangement
  - iii. whose parents are in Canada with work or study permits, and who are supportable temporary residents as defined in the *Funding for Temporary Residents Policy*<sup>2</sup>
- c. This policy does not apply to Manitoba affiliated schools overseas.

## 2. Rationale

Schools and school divisions in Manitoba have established international education programs to recruit students from abroad in order to increase the global awareness and intercultural competencies of their domestic students, to diversify the student community, as well as to boost enrolment and tuition revenue.

An education in a Manitoba school offers international students all the benefits of a sound, rigorous, and student-centred curriculum that assists them in building the skills they need to succeed academically, professionally, and personally. Those who wish to pursue post-secondary studies are also provided with transparent and equitable access to Manitoba's universities and colleges upon earning a Manitoba high school diploma.

Manitoba has the potential to support growing Kindergarten to Grade 12 international student enrolment. One challenge lies in safeguarding the high quality of the existing Manitoba educational experience and the integrity of the Manitoba high school diploma. Another lies in providing the necessary support and services that will enhance the academic and career prospects of domestic and international students, as well as ensure an authentic Manitoba school experience for all.

Schools with a commitment to international students must ensure that support services and resources specific to the unique language and learning needs of international students are available and accessible. These are critical to the positive academic, language, and life learning of international students in Manitoba schools.

## 3. Policy

To ensure success for all students enrolled in Manitoba schools, the enrolment of international students, as defined in Section 1(b), is limited to no more than 20 percent of total school enrolment in any one school in a given school year.

Furthermore, the department encourages schools to recruit international students from a broad range of countries to ensure diversity in the international student body.

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<sup>1</sup> An international student is a temporary resident: a foreign national who has applied for status in Canada and met obligations for holding a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) and/or possesses status under conditions of a Study or Work Permit. See [www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp).

<sup>2</sup> The *Funding for Temporary Residents Policy* is available online at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/finance/temprespolicy.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/finance/temprespolicy.html).