

Manitoba Graduation Requirements for Students Presenting Non-Canadian Transcripts for Credit Towards a Manitoba High School Diploma

1. Application

- a. This policy applies to international students¹ including
 - i. temporary resident students with work or study permits
 - ii. foreign national students attending school in Manitoba under a foreign language/culture exchange arrangement
 - iii. foreign national students whose parents are in Canada with Temporary Resident Visas² who present non-Canadian high school transcripts of courses to be evaluated for credit for standing toward a Manitoba high school diploma
- b. This policy does not apply to
 - i. resident students as per *The Public Schools Act*³
 - ii. students enrolled in a Manitoba affiliated school overseas

Foreign national students who are not residing in Manitoba may not obtain credit for Manitoba courses completed, nor receive a Manitoba high school diploma.

2. Rationale

A Manitoba high school diploma is awarded to students who achieve a minimum of 30 credits from a combination of compulsory and optional credits. Different diploma programs are available, each with specific compulsory and optional course requirements.

The English Program diploma consists of 17 compulsory and 13 elective courses. The Français Program diploma consists of 21 compulsory and 7 elective courses. The French Immersion Program diploma consists of 21 compulsory and 7 elective courses, of which a minimum of 14 are taught in French.

¹ 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.

² Temporary residents may be authorized to enter and remain in Canada as a visitor, worker, or student.

³ Section 1 of *The Public Schools Act* defines a "resident pupil" as a student

- (a) whose parent or legal guardian, with whom he resides, is a resident therein, or
- (b) who has attained the age of 18 years and is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada) resident therein, or
- (c) who, by reason of being dealt with under any provision of *The Child and Family Services Act* or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada), becomes a resident therein, or
- (d) who is designated in writing by the minister as a resident therein.

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The document *Evaluating Non-Manitoba Course Completions for Senior Years Credits: A Guide for School Administrators*⁴ outlines considerations, procedures, and resources to assist school administrators in making decisions about the educational credentials and appropriate placement of students who transfer to the Manitoba school system from another jurisdiction within or outside of Canada, from a non-funded independent school in Manitoba, or from home schooling.

On the recommendation of the school administrator, resident pupils in Grade 12 with the right to attend school in Manitoba may transfer up to 29 out-of-province credits for standing. They must successfully complete at least one (1) Manitoba course credit, and be enrolled in a Manitoba school before being awarded a Manitoba high school diploma.

In addition to pupils who reside in Manitoba, international students also attend Manitoba schools. Some of these students attend Manitoba schools primarily to upgrade their language skills in one of Canada's two official languages or to benefit from a cross-cultural experience. These students typically are not working toward a Manitoba high school diploma.

Other international students attend Manitoba schools with the goal of earning a Manitoba high school diploma. While some of them may begin their studies in a Manitoba school at the start of Grade 9, others may transfer to a Manitoba school at subsequent grade levels.

Regardless of when international students begin their studies in Manitoba, they must satisfy all graduation requirements and comply with this policy to earn a Manitoba high school diploma.

3. Policy

To ensure the integrity of the Manitoba high school diploma, the number of credits received by international students, as defined here in Section 1(a), through evaluation of non-Manitoba credits, challenge for credit, or substitution of credit is limited to 24 or 25, depending on the diploma program of study.

English Program

To obtain a Manitoba high school diploma (English Program), international students must meet all program graduation requirements as well as the following specific conditions:

- a. Attend high school in Manitoba for a minimum of two semesters.
- b. Earn credit for the following five courses while attending a Manitoba public or funded independent school. No evaluation of non-Manitoba credits, challenge for credit, or substitution of credit is permitted on any of these five credits:
 - English Language Arts 30S/E/M
 - English Language Arts 40S/E/M

⁴The document *Evaluating Non-Manitoba Course Completions for Senior Years Credits: A Guide for School Administrators* is available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/policy/op_credits/document.pdf.

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- Mathematics 40S/E/M
 - Physical Education/ Health Education 40F/E/M
 - History of Canada 30F/E/M
- c. Participate in any provincial assessment required by Manitoba, written in English.

Français Program

To obtain a Manitoba high school diploma (Français Program), international students must meet all program graduation requirements as well as the following specific conditions:

- a. Attend high school in Manitoba for a minimum of two semesters.
- b. Earn credit for the following six courses while attending a Manitoba public or funded independent school. No evaluation of non-Manitoba credits, challenge for credit, or substitution of credit is permitted on any of these six credits:
 - *Français langue première 40S/M/L*
 - English Language Arts 40S/E/M
 - *Mathématiques 40S/M/L*
 - *Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé 40S/M/L*
 - *Français langue première 30S/M/L*
 - *Histoire du Canada 30S/M/L*
- c. Participate in any provincial assessment required by Manitoba, written in French or English.

French Immersion Program

To obtain a Manitoba high school diploma (French Immersion Program), international students must meet all program graduation requirements as well as the following specific conditions:

- a. Attend high school in Manitoba for a minimum of two semesters.
- b. Earn credit for the following six courses while attending a Manitoba public or funded independent school. No evaluation of non-Manitoba credits, challenge for credit, or substitution of credit is permitted on any of these six credits:
 - *Français langue seconde — immersion 40S/M/L*
 - English Language Arts 40S/E/M
 - *Mathématiques 40S/M/L* or Mathematics 40S/E/M
 - *Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé 40S/M/L* or Physical Education/Health Education 40F/E/M
 - *Français langue seconde — immersion 30S/M/L*
 - *Histoire du Canada 30S/M/L* or History of Canada 30F/E/M
- c. Participate in any provincial assessment required by Manitoba, written in French or English.