



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 5350 International Education

*“Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community”*

Section: Learning

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Rationale:

The stated goals of the BC Ministry of Education’s international education program are to: create a globally oriented education system in British Columbia; ensure that all students receive quality learning and life experiences; and maximize the benefits of international education – social, cultural and economic – for all British Columbia communities, families and businesses.

Policy:

1. The board supports the successful integration of international students into district schools, by way of “The Gulf Islands International Program” which:
 - a. limits enrolment from any one country;
 - b. caps overall program enrolment at 75 students.

2. The Gulf Islands International Program is committed to:
 - a. ethnic diversity and the synergy that results when young people from around the globe work together to create a better world;
 - b. providing resident students with quality school programs that broaden their perspectives by promoting global awareness and greater cultural understanding.
 - c. promoting greater diversity and understanding by enrolling students from different parts of the world;
 - d. embracing the ideals of the cultural mosaic that makes Canada unique in the world.
 - e. offering programs tailored to the educational, social and emotional needs of International students, in the context of quality educational and cultural experiences provided to all;

- f. honouring principles of global awareness, cultural understanding, and personalized learning for the 21st century and beyond.

References:

- BC Ministry of Education. International Education (2017):
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/international-education>
- Application to study in canada, study permits:
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/student.asp>
- Gulf Islands International Program webpages: sd64.bc.ca