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1.1. The South Shore Regional School Board (SSRSB) believes that exchange, foreign, and international students can provide a positive experience for students, the school, and its community. The SSRSB supports the recruitment and registration of foreign students in the following categories:

- Recognized exchange program as defined under Section 51(1)(a) of the Ministerial Education Act Regulations.

Exchange programs means a reciprocal arrangement approved by the Minister whereby a foreign student attends a school in Nova Scotia and a Nova Scotia student attends a school outside Canada.

- Foreign students as defined under Section 51(1)(b) of the Ministerial Education Act Regulations.

Foreign student means a person who enters Canada for the purpose of attending a Nova Scotia public school, but does not include:

- A person who is a Convention refugee, or whose claim to Convention refugee status has been referred to the Refugee Division as described in the Immigration Act;*
- A person admitted to Canada under order of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada*
- A Canadian citizen, or a permanent resident of Canada as defined in the Immigration Act;*
- A person who is a dependant of a properly accredited diplomat, consular officer, representative or official of the united nations or any of its agencies, where the united nations diplomat, consular officer, representative or official is residing in Nova Scotia;*
- A person who is a dependant of a representative of a foreign government sent by that government to take up duties with a federal or provincial agency under an exchange agreement with Canada;*
- A dependant of a person in possession of a valid and subsisting student authorization;*
- A person who enters Canada pursuant to an exchange program.*

1.2. International student program as defined under Section 51(1)(c) of the Ministerial Education Act Regulations.

International student program means a program designed to be provided by a school board to foreign students at a cost to the foreign students and comprises the Public School Program

and courses approved pursuant to the Public School Program, and integration and settlement services, excluding residency services.

2.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1. This policy complies with the Education Act and other related provincial acts and policies.
 - 2.1.1. Nova Scotia Department of Education Public School Program

3.0 AUTHORIZATION

The Superintendent is authorized to issue procedures in support of this policy.

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- 1.1 All applications from foreign, exchange, or international students should be received by March 1 of each school year by the International Student Program (ISP) Consultant. Applications received after that date may be considered in consultation with the school principal.
- 1.2 Prior to the approval of any foreign, exchange, or international student, the student, in the opinion of the ISP Consultant, shall have demonstrated that he/she has the basic capacity to function in the English language. Tuition paying students shall be eligible for minimal English as a second language support (one hour tutorial per week) with the cost provided for from their tuition fees. Should an exchange student require assistance in English, the responsibility and cost of this assistance will be borne by the sponsoring agency/individual.
- 1.3 Foreign students, who are not participating in a recognized exchange or international student program, will be required to pay fees pursuant to Section 54(3) and 54(4) of the Ministerial Education Act Regulations. All fees will be payable to the SSRSB at the time of registration.
- 1.4 The SSRSB shall have the right to expel any foreign, exchange, or international student who violates school regulations and/or any local, provincial, or national laws.
- 1.5 Students will be issued a transcript outlining course results upon request.
- 1.6 The allocation of foreign and international student fees will be as outlined in Section 54(5) of the Ministerial Education Act Regulations, with the SSRSB's portions being determined as follows:
 - Once all commissions and expenses are paid, the remaining funds will be split equally between the host school and the SSRSB.
- 1.7 The ISP Consultant shall advise the Director of Finance of the number, names, and host schools of all foreign and international students in attendance in the region by September 15 of each school year.
- 1.8 Foreign and international students are not eligible to compete for locally awarded scholarships and bursaries.
- 1.9 The SSRSB reserves the right to reject any foreign, exchange, or international student application.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to ensure these procedures are followed.