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LOUIS RIEL
 SCHOOL DIVISION
 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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welcome to



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AFFORDABLE TUITION, which includes airport transfer for our homestay students;
EXCELLENT health insurance coverage, including personal counselling;
NATIVE LANGUAGE support and translation;
ACCREDITED Secondary and Post-Secondary Technical / Vocational Programs;
FLEXIBLE entry dates;
LOW COST of living and high quality of life;
EXPOSURE to Canadian culture through Homestay Program and school division events;
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS from over 30 countries;
NO HOMESTAY PLACEMENT FEE or custodianship fee;

MONTHLY cultural activities;
CULTURALLY DIVERSE and welcoming community;
BILINGUAL DIVISION - English and French Immersion Programs;
OUTSTANDING extra-curricular programs including sports, theatre, arts and music;
VALIDATION of transcripts;
HIGH PERCENTAGE of our international students graduate. Many receive scholarships or awards;
OVER 100 FAMILIES HOSTING students for the LRSD Homestay Program;
24/7 SUPPORT and monitoring;
EAL / ESL INSTRUCTION and support included.



what we offer

- **Quality**, affordable educational experiences;
- **The opportunity** for students to attend classes in either English or French;
- **English support** for students new to the language;
- **Top quality programming** across a broad range of courses for students of all ages.

The International Student Program (ISP) is accredited and a member of Imagine Canada, CAPS-I and MCIE. Each year we welcome students from all over the world to study at our schools and enjoy the experience of a lifetime in Canada.



MANITOBA CURRICULUM

- **All students** in our division are taught the Manitoba curriculum. Grades 9 to 12 students earn credits towards a Manitoba high school diploma;
- **The Manitoba high school diploma** is recognized worldwide and many students graduate from our schools and go on to pursue post-secondary education in Canada or abroad. Manitoba credits are also transferable between jurisdictions across Canada and in many other countries around the world.

ISP IS MORE THAN CREDITS

- **ISP offers more than the regular** Canadian curriculum to international students. ISP also offers a Summer Enrichment Program and a wide variety of Student Activities;
- **Semester System;**
- **The Canadian school year runs from September to June.**
We break it into two semesters:
First semester – September to January
and Second semester – February to June.

Course options vary in each semester at each school. Every school offers the courses required to graduate.

THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION IN NUMBERS

- **40** Schools;
- **5** English High Schools and
- **2** French Immersion High Schools;
- **1** Technical / Vocational School;
- **15,284** Canadian students;
- **2,140** staff members;
- **505** International students (250 K-12 / 255 Post-Secondary);
- **127 LRSD** students took part in cultural exchange programs to Japan, Germany, Italy, Chile, Spain and China;
- Over **75** extra curricular activities;
- Over **25** individual and team sports.

Contact us:



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isp.lrsd.net



GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	1231



DAKOTA COLLEGIATE is one of the most innovative, progressive, and inclusive secondary schools in Manitoba. Close to 100 elective courses and more than 60 extra-curricular groups and activities make it easy to find your place. Realize your potential and become a Lancer for life!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
 Advanced Placement (AP)

courses are offered in grade 12 and are first year University level courses that go beyond the curriculum expectations of specialized courses. The AP courses offered at Dakota include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Calculus.

SPORTS ACADEMY
 Six specialized Sports Academy courses within the Physical Education Program

in one of the following areas: basketball, dance, football, hockey, soccer, volleyball, female fitness and outdoor education.

SCHOOL CLUBS
 Student Council, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Black and Gold Volunteers, Reach for the Top, Youth Encouraging Sustainability, Mino Giizhigad and Youth in Philanthropy.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/DCI



GLENLAWN COLLEGIATE

GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	1059



GLENLAWN COLLEGIATE believes in providing students with a stimulating, supportive and positive environment in which they can realize their potential as thinking, caring human beings, and in which

they can develop academically, socially, aesthetically, physically and emotionally. In promoting our motto, **“Striving for Excellence,”** we will maintain an atmosphere in which individuals feel safe

and valued as members of the school community.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Glenlawn Collegiate Hockey, Glenlawn Athletic Events, Glenlawn Music, Volunteerism.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/GCI



GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	285



NELSON MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE is a Grade 9 - 12 High School in the Louis Riel School Division with a mandate to reimagine high school for the 21st century. It focuses on 21st century skills that we call the 6Cs (Fullan, 2014). These are: **Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity,**

Collaboration, Citizenship, and Character. With an enrollment of approximately 285 students, Nelson McIntyre Collegiate is a small school with big opportunities.

OUR PRIORITIES
 Academic Rigor, Skill Building, Forging Identity

Nelson McIntyre Collegiate focuses on deep learning opportunities through a blend of interdisciplinary study, field work, and connections to experts.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
 Wolverine Athletics, NMC Music Program.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/NMC



J.H. BRUNS COLLEGIATE

GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	784



J.H. BRUNS COLLEGIATE was named after Brother Joseph H. Bruns S.M., who had a lengthy and renowned career as an educator in St. Boniface. He served as Superintendent for 12 years of his thirty-six year career. The school opened its doors

to students in the suburb of Southdale in September 1972, and has experienced many changes since its inception.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

All Nations Group (Students from all backgrounds focusing on Indigenous perspectives),

SHOW (Students Helping Our World), Cultural Events (Students share details about their culture and food within a presentation) and Hockey Academy within the Physical Education program.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/JHB



GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	510

Know more about our Secondary Schools
WINDSOR PARK COLLEGIATE



The ultimate aim of WINDSOR PARK COLLEGIATE is to provide a positive learning environment in which students are able to succeed academically, and to develop into responsible citizens who are prepared to contribute to an ever-changing society. In the year of nineteen hundred and sixty, in the community of Windsor Park, there opened a school that became a legend. Only one other school in North America had this unique hexagonal architecture.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

THE CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CIP is an innovative partnership program that has partnered with over 600 businesses and not-for-profit organizations since its inception in 1996. CIP students complete a university/college entrance program of studies, build transferable soft skills, network with professionals in

a variety of fields, and develop focus and confidence for successful post high school transitions.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The role of the library at Windsor Park Collegiate is to ensure that our students develop as information literate citizens and lifelong learners.

MEDICAL CAREERS EXPLORATION PROGRAM

MCEP is a joint program between LRSD and Pan Am Clinic, and one of only two running in Canada that gives students an opportunity to explore over 70 different careers in the medical field.

BISTRO IN THE PARK

Is a hands on learning program available to all students in the Louis Riel School Division. The goal of this program is to help students achieve not only life skills but work place skills while working within the community.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/WPC



GRADE	9-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	648



COLLÈGE JEANNE-SAUVÉ is a Grade 9-12 French Immersion high school. We are proud of our academic and extracurricular programs that prepare students well for lifelong learning. In addition to the traditional academic courses delivered in the French language we offer a variety of programs such as Music, Fine Arts, Leadership, Spanish, Special Education, Information and Communication Technologies, Theatre Arts, and many more.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

MUSIC

Collège Jeanne-Sauvé provides our students with an extensive music program including: Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Guitar, Choir, Vocal Jazz,

Technical Music Production and Musical Theatre.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING

This year, our grade 9 and 10 students have launched our 21st century learning initiative which saw each student bring their own device to school. This has allowed teachers to integrate more technology into learning opportunities in class with the goal of adding depth of understanding for our students and ultimately targeting confidence and achievement in their courses.

UNESCO

In 2005, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé was honoured by its acceptance into the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) National level.



WEBSITE:

www.lrsd.net/schools/CJS



GRADE	7-12
SCHOOL POPULATION	597



COLLÈGE BÉLIVEAU promotes learning en français while enriching our community with independent, respectful, responsible and engaged citizens. Our learning community offers an environment that promotes professional and personal learning for all its members. Our school is unique in North America in that it was the first to offer a High School French Immersion program in a totally French milieu.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

21ST CENTURY LEARNING

Today's students need preparation for the world beyond the K-12 environment and must be able to demonstrate the skills demanded for life in the 21st century. Educators are responsible to ensure that all students make successful transitions from high school to work, college or university. Regardless of their paths following their studies in the

Louis Riel School Division, all young people will interact with technology.

PRACTICAL ARTS (grade 7 & 8)

The Practical Arts program ensures that students graduate with the skills necessary in their personal lives, and the ability to pursue fulfilling careers. Allowing students to experience a combination of Human Ecology and Industrial Arts affords them substantial hands-on learning and valuable life-long skills.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/CB



elective courses

DAKOTA COLLEGIATE

French
Advanced Placement Courses
Applied Commerce Education
Art
Dramatic Arts
Human Ecology
Industrial Arts
Leadership
Performing Arts
Science
Social Studies
Technology Courses

NELSON MACINTYRE

French
Concert Band / Jazz Band / Guitar
Dramatic Arts
Electronics
Food and Nutrition
Graphic Arts
Science
Power Mechanics
Textile Design and Construction
Visual Art
Woodworking
Career Development
Entrepreneurship

COLLEGE BELIVEAU

Spanish
Broadcast Media / Interactive Media
Computer Science
Dramatic Arts
History
Law
Leadership Training
Life / Work Building
Music
Pre-Engineering
Science
Visual Arts
Web Design

WINDSOR PARK

French
Career Internship Program CIP
Computer Science
General Studies
Human Ecology
Humanities
Visual Arts
Industrial Arts
Math & Sciences
Reading is Thinking
Performing Arts
Lifeworks
Pre-Engineering

COLLEGE JEANNE-SAUVÉ

Spanish
Advanced Placement
Arts
Fast Forward Program
Math
Music
Science
Social Studies
Student Committees
Technology Courses
Theatre

GLENLAWN COLLEGIATE

French
Advanced Placement Studies
Art
Business and Technology Courses
Dramatic Arts
Human Ecology
Industrial Arts
Lifeworks
Music Arts
Science
Social Studies

JH BRUNS

French
Applied Commerce Education
Dual Credit Courses
Human Ecology
Humanities
Industrial Arts
Performing Arts
Science
Technology & Communications Technology
Visual Art

LEGEND: ELECTIVE COURSES

AP COURSES: Advanced Placement Biology 42S (B42S), Introduction to Calculus 45S (MIC45S/Advanced MATH 45S (MAD45S), Advanced Placement Chemistry 42S (C42S), Advanced Placement English Language and Composition 42S (E42S), Advanced Placement History 42S (H42S) Online, Advanced Placement Physics I 42S (P42S), Advanced Placement Art: Drawing Portfolio. **APPLIED COMMERCE**

EDUCATION: Accounting, Business Communications, Business Innovations, Creative Promotions, Economic Principles, Entrepreneurship, Lancer Credit Union, Marketing & Digital Commerce & Personal Finance.

ART: Visual Art, Visual Arts Portfolio, AP Arts 2D Design. **ARTS:** Dramatic Arts, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar, Visual Arts. **BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES:** Info and Communication Tech, Game Design and Development, Cyber Defense and Network Security, Intro to Mobile App Design, Computer Science. **COMPUTER AND SCIENCE:** Applying Information & Communication Technology, Computer Science. **CONCERT BAND:** Band is offered at lunch time outside of the schedule and may be taken as an additional credit. **DRAMATIC ARTS:** Drama, Musical Theatre. **ELECTRONICS:** Provides the students with an understanding of electronics with a hands-on approach.

FOODS AND NUTRITION: Students will gain a greater understanding of the 6 essential nutrients that bodies need, the link between eating habits and lifelong health and wellness. **GENERAL STUDIES:** Career Development Life / Work Studies. **HUMAN ECOLOGY:** Clothing, Housing & Design, Family Studies, Food & Nutrition.

HUMANITIES: American History, Law, Psychology.

ICT COURSES: Digital Pictures & Desktop Publishing, Interactive Media & Digital Film Making, Yearbook.

JAZZ BAND: Jazz Band is offered at lunch time outside of the schedule and may be taken as an additional credit. **LEADERSHIP:** Recreational & Athletic Arts.

LIFEWORKS: Hockey Coaching Focus. **MUSIC ARTS:** Jazz Band, Band, Wind Ensemble, Choral Music, Vocal Jazz, Guitar, Jazz Guitar. **PERFORMING ARTS:** Concert Choir, Band, Jazz Band, Guitar, Jazz Guitar, Vocal Jazz, Musical Theatre, Wind Ensemble. **POWER MECHANICS:** Increase students' awareness and understanding of various automotive practices and processes and to relate their significance to various automotive systems. **SCIENCE:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics. **SOCIAL STUDIES:** Canada 180°, Psychology, History of Rock & Roll, History of Western Civilization, Canadian Law.

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY: Applying Information and Communication Technology, Coding, Coding, Media Design. **TECHNOLOGY:** Computer Science, Yearbook Publishing, Digital Pictures & Desktop Publishing Ent. **TEXTILE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION:** Students will have the opportunity to design and construct unique and individual textile products using different methods. **WOODWORKING:** Working with processed materials and the design and safe building of furniture and case work.



SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Students are assigned school placements based on space and program availability. Students may make a request for a specific school when they submit their initial application form and every attempt will be made to accommodate the request. However, the Louis Riel School Division International Student Program reserves the right to make the final placement decision.

GRADE PLACEMENT

In the majority of cases, students are placed in grades based on age appropriate placement.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

An ESL assessment is done for every new student for whom English is not their first language. This assessment helps to determine the best program and course level for each student. Previous school transcripts are also reviewed to determine what grade has been completed in student's home country and the marks received. ESL support is provided at no extra cost for international students who require additional language support. Specialized ESL support is provided in all of the high schools in our school district.



	Collège Béliveau	Collège Jeanne-Sauvé	Windsor Park Collegiate	J.H. Bruns Collegiate	Nelson McIntyre Collegiate	Dakota Collegiate	Glenlawn Collegiate
Badminton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boxing			✓				
Cheer						✓	
Cricket						✓	
Cross Country	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Curling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Dragon Boats			✓			✓	
Fastball		✓				✓	
Field Hockey						✓	
Football						✓	
Golf	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hockey	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Indoor Soccer		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Indoor Track	✓	✓		✓			✓
Kickboxing/Jujitsu							✓
Lacrosse							✓
Outdoor Soccer	✓			✓		✓	✓
Outdoor Track	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Ringette	✓	✓				✓	
Rookie Hockey (spring)				✓			
Rugby	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Team Handball			✓			✓	✓
Ultimate Frisbee			✓			✓	✓
Volleyball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Polo		✓				✓	✓
Wrestling			✓				



The **LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (ATC)** is an accredited Post Secondary Technical/Vocational institution that has been approved by Citizenship & Immigration Canada as a Designated Learning Institution. DLI#O19708693987. **Upon successful completion of the program students will receive a post-graduation work letter.** Students who choose ATC have the opportunity to study in courses taught by industry-certified professionals at the post-secondary level.



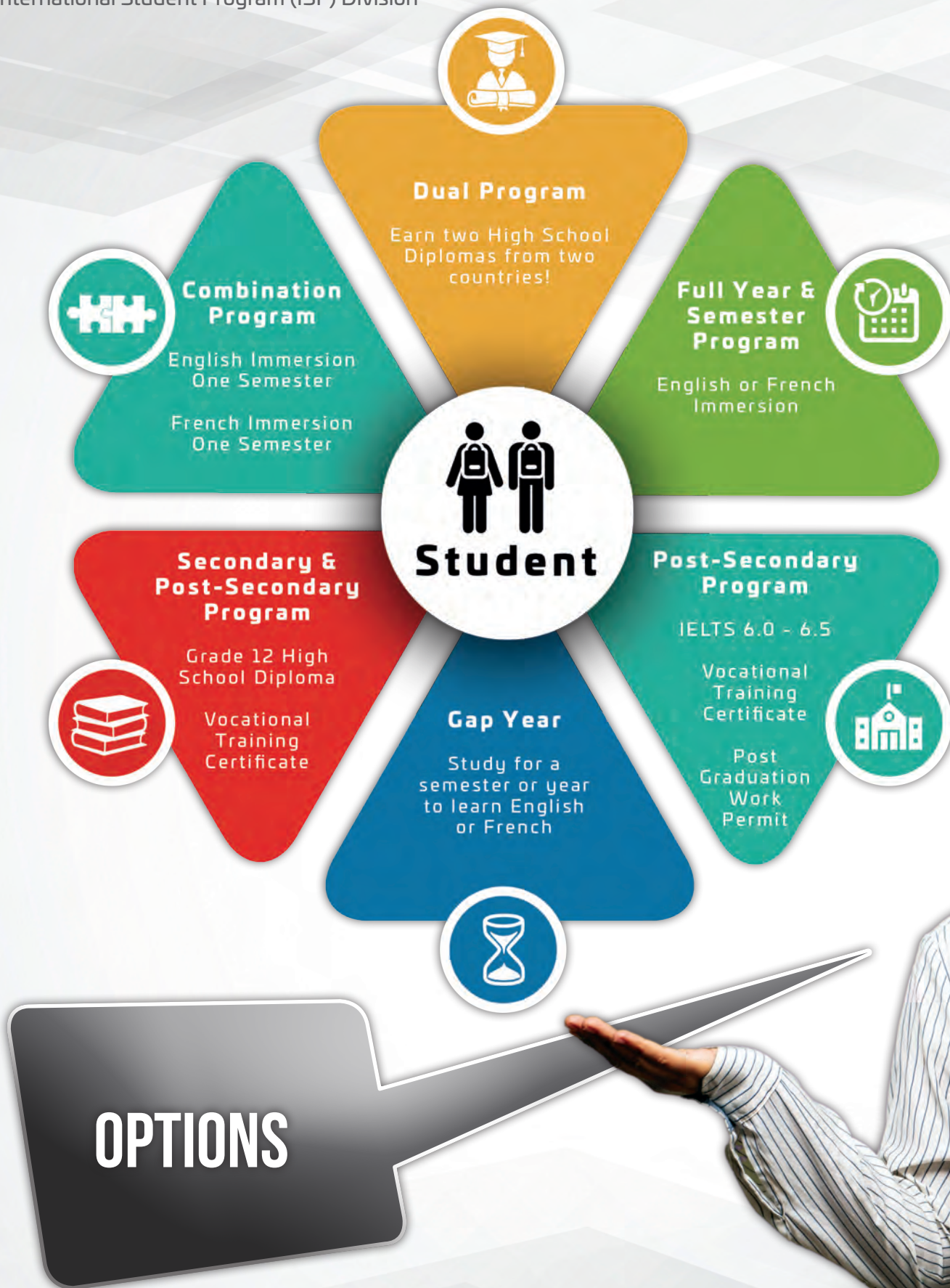
ATC offers a wide range of programs:

- Automotive Technology
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Broadcast Media
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Educator
- Electrical Trades
- Esthetics
- Hairstyling
- New Media Design
- Plumbing

More post-secondary evening classes, check out our post-secondary page.



WEBSITE:
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/Programs/Pages/Arts-and-Technology-Centre.aspx





SUPPORT SYSTEM

BECOME AN LRSD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

HOW TO APPLY

K - 12 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Transcripts - Gather transcripts from the past three years – scan copies in one 'pdf' or 'jpeg' electronic document. Transcripts should be translated into English;
- Copy of Passport;
- \$200 Application Fee (non refundable);
- Letter to Homestay (if applicable).

Once you have the four requirements above, submit the application by going to:
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/ApplyNow/Pages/Apply%20Now.aspx

POST-SECONDARY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Transcripts - Grade 12 translated transcript and proof of graduation;
- Copy of Passport;
- Proof of English Score equivalent to Academic IELTS 6.0 overall - no more than two components at 5.5;
- \$200 Application Fee (non refundable).

Before post-secondary students are accepted, they must pass an interview. Once you have the four requirements above, submit the application by going to: www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/ApplyNow/Pages/Apply%20Now.aspx

REFUND POLICY:

www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/ApplyNow/PublishingImages/Pages/Apply%20Now/LRSD_ISP_Tuition%20Refund%20Guidelines%202017%202018.pdf



ISP EVENTS

The ISP organizes group activities for international students throughout the school year and we strongly encourage students to take part in these activities as they provide great opportunities to meet and connect with other international students.

graduation

If students have previously completed some high school in their home country and are interested in pursuing a Manitoba High School Diploma, transcripts can be evaluated to determine how many Manitoba High School Credits can be assigned. You have an opportunity to graduate with Manitoba High School Diploma within a year, if you have completed Grade 9 to 11 in your home country.

Biological parents/guardians and homestay families are welcome to attend convocation ceremonies to celebrate graduation. The ISP can provide a letter of invitation to students' friends and family, if it is required, for their travel visa applications. Students who complete the required course credits for graduation by January will be invited to attend their school's convocation ceremony in June.

For more details about Manitoba High School Diploma Graduation Requirements visit: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/gradreq/docs/grad_req_en.pdf or www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/polapp/docs/prog-fran.pdf



homestay program



Through the LRSD Homestay Program, students get to experience what it is like to be a member of a Canadian family in a warm, welcoming home environment. International students apply for a homestay experience because they want to:

- **Learn about Canada** and experience customs & celebrations and how they differ from their home country;
- **Share their culture** with their Canadian hosts;
- **Experience** what it's like to live a Canadian lifestyle in a Canadian home;
- **Practise and develop** English/French language skills.

HOST FAMILY SELECTION

Our homestay coordinators have a very thorough process for selecting and evaluating potential host families. All families in our program:

- Have had a thorough interview to determine suitability;
- Have had a home inspection;
- Passed a police record check;
- Passed a family services intervention check;
- Provide a private bedroom with a study area;
- Are enthusiastic to receive international students;
- Are committed to including the international student in all family activities.

Prior to the student's arrival in Canada, they will be sent a host family profile containing information about their host family as well as contact information. Students are encouraged to contact their host family prior to their arrival in Canada. After the student arrives and is placed in the home, our homestay coordinator provides supervision and support to both the student and the host family throughout the program. We have a Homestay Information Guide for host families that outlines the expectation and operation of our program to potential host

families. Homestay guide link:
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/Homestay/PublishingImages/Pages/Resources-for-Homestay-Families/LRSD%20ISP%20Homestay%20Guide%202018.pdf

CUSTODIANSHIP

Our program director provides custodianship for students who will be living with a homestay family arranged by the Louis Riel School Division, at no additional costs.

However, if the student's parents prefer to appoint a family friend or relative living nearby, to be the student custodian, 2 documents need to be completed and submitted with the application form:

1. One document from the PARENT appointing a custodian in Winnipeg.
2. One document from the CUSTODIAN accepting custodianship responsibilities. Each document must be translated into English and notarized by a lawyer or notary public in their home country.

You can also find copies of this form online at:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf

- Students attending Kindergarten – Grade 8 must live with a parent or someone who has been verified to be a family member or family friend in Louis Riel School Division catchment for the duration of their studies. If the parent is living with their child, no custodial document is required.
- Homestay is only available to students who choose to stay in LRSD.
- LRSD custodianship is mandatory for all students under 18 residing with an LRSD homestay family.
- Homestay is not available to students studying at ATC.

cultural enrichment program

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Public schools provide meaningful and engaging experiences that foster personal, social and academic growth and prepare students for a bright future. Today, more than ever before, schools must also assist students to appreciate global citizenship and an internal perspective in our increasingly connected world. Cultural enrichment experiences help to develop “citizens of the world,” and the Louis Riel School Division’s Cultural Enrichment Program supports this goal.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Students in Grades 10-12 from each of our high schools are invited to apply to participate in a cultural enrichment exchange program with one of our cooperating schools. Students selected will stay in homestays which have been carefully selected by the school administration. All homestay families are able to speak some English. Students will have full access to the school’s computer facilities and libraries and receive the necessary instruction to ensure they are part of the student body. Students will attend school and participate in the school program. Excursions to local sites, businesses, nearby communities and cultural attractions will complement the cultural experience.

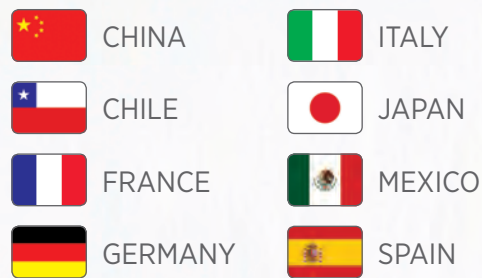
Any student registered in Grades 10-12 in a Louis Riel School Division high school (must be a Canadian citizen) may apply. The administration at each of our high schools will consider each of the applications and will make the final selections.

THE BENEFITS

In addition to learning about a foreign culture, our students will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation for...

- **International culture**, traditions, languages and lifestyles;
- **International interdependence** and cooperation;
- **The importance of diplomacy**, its processes, protocols and benefits;
- **Canada’s role** in the global community;
- **Canada’s cultural** diversity and heritage.

THE SCHOOLS ARE IN:



GO TO

www.lrsd.net/schools/isp/programs/pages/cultural-exchange.aspx

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO KNOW MORE





summer program

The Summer Enrichment Program adds to students' educational experience in Canada and takes them beyond the classroom. The program allows students to explore Canadian culture in Winnipeg and in other parts of our province. The enrichment program gives students from ages 12-18 years old an excellent environment to practice their English language skills.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Touring Winnipeg attractions;
- Visiting Winnipeg's many parks and recreational areas;
- Learning about the history in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada;
- Playing sports and leisure activities;

- Visiting Winnipeg's famous architectural buildings;
- Taking part in many different cultural activities;
- And more...

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CAN EXPECT:

- Contact with ISP staff before their arrival and during their stay in Canada;
- To be met at the airport by ISP staff;
- A homestay option while they are in the program;
- Lessons from certified Canadian teachers;
- A certificate for completing the program (with or without credit);
- Cultural enrichment and language development.



ACTIVITIES AND THINGS TO DO IN



Homestay families are not expected to be tour guides, but international students do appreciate and benefit from participating in family activities. We recommend at least one planned family activity per month, if possible. Winnipeg offers many activities that are popular with international students.

Information about most of the following events and activities can be found online at travelmanitoba.com, tourismwinnipeg.com or winnipeg.ca/interhom. The following list is a sample of the events and activities; there are many others as well.

WINNIPEG'S TOP FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Events (September – October)

- Canada Goose migration
- Manitoba Culture Days
- Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival
- Corn Maze

Winter Events (November – February)

- Canad Inns Winter Wonderland
- Santa Claus Parade
- Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra New Music Festival
- Festival du Voyageur
- Springhill Winter Park
- Harbour View Recreation Complex

Spring Events (March – May)

- Human Rights Film Festival
- Dance Manitoba: Provincial Dance Festival
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Winnipeg International Airshow

Summer Events (June – August)

- Winnipeg International Children's Festival
- Winnipeg International Jazz Festival
- Red River Exhibition
- Winnipeg Folk Festival
- Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival
- Ballet in the Park
- Folklorama
- Manito Ahbee Festival

PARKS, MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES

- Lower Fort Garry
- Mennonite Heritage Museum
- Riel House National Historic Site
- Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum
- Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- The Manitoba Museum (Science Gallery and Planetarium)
- Manitoba Children's Museum
- Manitoba Electrical Museum
- Western Canada Aviation Museum
- Winnipeg Railway Museum
- The Forks Historical Site
- Living Prairie Museum
- Fort Whyte Alive
- Oak Hammock Marsh
- Assiniboine Park and Zoo
- Fun Mountain
- St. Vital Park and Duck Pond
- Provencher Park
- Harbourview Park
- La Barrière Park
- Crescent Drive Park
- Central Park (Downtown)
- Birds Hill Park
- Manitoba beaches



ARTS AND CULTURE

- The Winnipeg Art Gallery
- Gallery 1C03 (University of Winnipeg)
- Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art
- Art galleries in the Exchange District
- Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP)
- Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre (MTC)
- Rainbow Stage
- The Forks (performances and entertainment)
- Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet
- The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
- Manitoba Opera
- Outdoor concerts

GREAT SHOPPING

- St. Vital Shopping Centre
- Polo Park Shopping Centre
- Portage Place Shopping Centre
- Shops of Winnipeg Square
- Kenaston Common & Outlet Mall
- Exchange District
- Chinatown
- Osborne Village
- Corydon Avenue
- Academy Road
- Old St. Boniface
- The Forks Market
- St. Norbert Farmers' Market
- Value Village and other nearly-new stores ideal for low-cost winter clothes

SPORTS AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- Football (Winnipeg Blue Bombers)
- Baseball (Winnipeg Goldeyes)
- Hockey (Winnipeg Jets and Manitoba Moose)
- Ringette
- Soccer
- Miniature golf
- Golfing
- Bowling
- Skating on the Red River
- Curling
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Cross-country skiing
- Tobogganing/sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Rollerblading
- Swimming
- Mountain biking
- Fishing and ice fishing
- Hiking
- Skateboarding

It is important for families to share information about Canadian holidays and special occasions. Students need to know which dates are actual holidays and which are simply special days when schools still will be open.

FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- BBQ or picnic in a park
- Bonfire and roasting marshmallows
- Build a snowman (fun at any age!)
- Cook and bake food from the student's home country together
- Take the family pet for a walk
- Take a new class together
- Look at old family photos and take new photos together
- Watch videos or movies and talk about them afterwards
- Play board games, card games, etc.
- Play interactive games together: video games, karaoke, etc.
- Invite the student's friends over for a special occasion (birthday, etc.)
- Have the student teach the homestay family something from their country (phrases, customs, etc.)



PREPARATIONS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO

CANADA

STUDY PERMITS AND VISAS

All students studying (for academic credit) in the International Student Program of the Louis Riel School Division are required to obtain a Study Permit*. A Study Permit is a document that allows a foreign individual to study in Canada for a limited time. Please refer to the Canadian Immigration and Citizenship (CIC) website for information on how to apply for a study permit from outside Canada: www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/student.asp

New Canadian law states that the staff at the International Student Program are no longer allowed to help students who are applying to extend their study permits. The student must complete this application on their own or with assistance from Immigration Consultants. We encourage students to apply for a multiple entry visa as some students may wish to return home during holidays.

It may be a good idea for students to apply for a United States Visa as well. Some homestay families may choose to travel across the United States border (only a few hours travel from Winnipeg by vehicle). If the student wishes to travel with the homestay family, they will need this visa. Check to see if your country is part of the visa waiver program at: www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html#citizen

The International Student Program will require copies of the student's study permit, visa and passport for its records.

**STUDY PERMIT: if a student's visa is denied, all fees are refundable other than the Application Fee. A copy of the Visa refusal letter from Canada Immigration is required when requesting a refund for this purpose.*



health insurance

All international students are insured under a mandatory GUARD.ME health insurance plan. The students are completely covered from the time they leave their home country until they return home. It is very important for us to have arrival and departure dates to ensure students are properly insured. Students do not need to purchase additional travel insurance if they travel during the school year. GuardMe coverage includes accidental dental and accidental eye services. Please refer to the complete coverage and claims details at: guard.me/louisriel

The Guard.me policy is available on www.guard.me/louisriel website and it is translated in many languages.





ARRIVING IN CANADA

Winnipeg is located in the centre of North America. We are the heart of the continent and our International Airport is a hub to many locations all over North America. When flying to Winnipeg, students will connect through another major city, often Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal or Chicago.

A member of the ISP team and the homestay family will welcome students when they arrive at the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. Students must tell ISP staff their travel details and tell them if there are any changes to their travel plans. Students must provide the flight booking reference number ahead of time in case ISP staff need to find out about travel plans when the student is already travelling to Winnipeg.

If the student has a connecting flight through another Canadian city (such as Toronto or Vancouver), they will need to remember to pick up their luggage and take it through border customs. Afterwards, students will need to drop off their luggage again to get onto the connecting flight to Winnipeg.

IMPORTANT: if students are delayed or have problems when travelling, the student, parent or representative must contact their homestay family and/or ISP staff immediately to tell them the accurate arrival times. Refer to our website: isp.lrsd.net; under Contact Us for emergency and after-hour telephone numbers.

ORIENTATION LINKS

- **KNOW MORE HOW TO APPLY:**
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/ApplyNow/Pages/Apply%20Now.aspx
- **KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 REFUND POLICY:**
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/ApplyNow/PublishingImages/Pages/Apply%20Now/LRSD_ISP_Tuition%20Refund%20Guidelines%202017%202018.pdf
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM HANDBOOK:**
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/Students/PublishingImages/Pages/default/ISP%20Student%20Handbook.pdf
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES:**
www.lrsd.net/schools/ISP/Students/International-Student-Guidelines/Pages/Default.aspx

ORIENTATION TO WINNIPEG AND THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION

1. Students will arrive at the airport in Winnipeg and be welcomed by their homestay family and a member of the ISP staff. Students will have some time to rest, meet their homestay family and get used to their new home. Students not in homestay are expected to contact ISP office upon arrival.
2. International Student Orientation is held shortly after the arrival. Students have an opportunity to get to know the other international students in our program before they venture into the schools. The following topics are included in our International Student Orientation:
 - Welcome to Canada;
 - Get to know other international students;
 - Become familiar with city (transit, schools, neighbourhoods);
 - Introduction to Canadian school system;
 - Discuss homestay expectations;
 - Ensure students know how to contact with questions;
 - Meet their school counselors;
 - Register for classes;
 - Purchase text books and pay course fees;
 - Take tour of new school, get a combination lock and locker.
3. A scheduled orientation session will take place at the student's school with members of the ISP staff.
4. A school staff member or ISP staff will always be available to help students if they have questions. ISP staff will also visit students at the school regularly to check how students are doing and help with concerns. ISP staff can be contacted at any time for help.
5. Students will attend regular classes and are encouraged to join in activities with local Canadian students.

MANITOBA FACTS

The Louis Riel School Division is located in Winnipeg, the capital city of the province of Manitoba, Canada

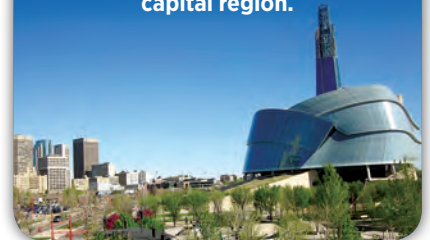


The character of **WINNIE-THE-POOH** was inspired by a black bear named Winnie, who was named after Manitoba's capital city, Winnipeg.

With more than **100 LANGUAGES** and nationalities represented throughout the region, Winnipeg is known as the "Cultural cradle of Canada".



The **CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** is the first national museum designed from inception in over **40 years**, and the first designated to be built outside of the capital region.



Manitoba's eight universities and five community colleges offer **HIGH-QUALITY ADVANCED EDUCATION** with some of Canada's lowest fees.



Winnipeg is located **CENTER OF CANADA**, home of four distinct seasons.



POLAR BEARS! The Assiniboine Park Zoo's Journey to Churchill exhibit is the most comprehensive zoological exhibit of its kind in the world.



Winnipeg has one of the world's longest **NATURALLY FROZEN SKATING TRAILS**.

Winnipeg gets **2,372 HOURS OF SUNSHINE** annually, one of the highest among major Canadian centers.



Manitobans have one of the highest **RATES OF VACATION** home ownership in Canada. Our province is home to over **100,000 lakes** and for generations Manitobans have enjoyed weekends at lakefront cottages and cabins with family and friends.



HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS AND CONTACT NUMBERS



CITY OF WINNIPEG - 311

Find information about city events, places to visit and other items of interest for people living in or visiting Winnipeg. winnipeg.ca/interhom



LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2M 3R3 Canada, main line: (204) 253 8025. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. After hours and emergency, please visit our website isp.lrsd.net for personnel contact information.



HEALTH LINKS

Is a 24-hour, 7-days a week telephone information service available in Manitoba. Whether a student has a small medical question or a more urgent need, they should first call Health Links at: **1-204-788-8200**



LIVING IN MANITOBA

A Government of Manitoba website where students and their parents can go to find information about living in Manitoba. It includes useful information on climate, education and Canadian culture. immigratemanitoba.com



MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM (MPNP)

immigratemanitoba.com



TOURISM WINNIPEG

Looking for things to do in Winnipeg, including places to eat, sporting events, concerts, activities to enjoy and more. tourismwinnipeg.com



TRAVEL MANITOBA

Explore Manitoba and find out about the places to visit, cultural events and activities happening in the province. travelmanitoba.com/things-to-do



WINNIPEG TRANSIT

Find out about bus passes, including costs and where to purchase them, check bus schedules and search bus routes. winnipegtransit.com



WINNIPEG AIRPORT

Check arrival and departure information, travel tips and security information. waa.ca



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