

Terms and Conditions Studying in the LRSD

Louis Riel School Division provides a cultural and academic educational experience for International Students studying in the Louis Riel School Division. Students should understand that they are enrolling in an academic program in a public-school division and must hold a valid visa, study permit (where required), and/or other pertinent documentation.

Attendance & School Work

Students will follow program rules and cooperate with the International Student Program staff, school administrators, teachers, staff, and assigned homestay family (where applicable). Students must understand that a successful experience in the International Student Program depends on following school rules, including but not limited to:

- Regular class attendance
- Completion of all homework and assignments
- Actively participating in classroom work
- Successfully maintaining a minimum of 4 courses per semester (or otherwise specified)
- Participating in activities offered by the Program (including extra-curricular activities)

Students have an obligation to stay for the duration of their studies. Leaving early can affect their academic record and requires written permission from the natural family stating the date of departure and reason. Refunds are not granted for voluntary withdrawal.

Culture

- Students are expected to interact with other students, their school staff and homestay family, to learn about Canadian life and culture.
- Students must respect cultural differences. They must understand that Canada is a multicultural society and that the customs and traditions of others may be different from their own.
- Students must understand that discrimination based on nationality, gender, sexual orientation, political or religious affiliation is illegal in Canada. Bullying of any person, or physical, sexual, psychological abuse orally, in writing, via multimedia or otherwise, and unwanted touching in a sexual or non-sexual way, will not be tolerated and can lead to dismissal from the Program.

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Law, Rules & Regulations

- While in Canada, students must follow all rules and regulations under the jurisdiction of the national, provincial, and local laws.
- Any litigation involving the Louis Riel School Division will be conducted in, and according to, the laws of the Province of Manitoba. Examples of breaking the law include shoplifting, stealing, possession and use of weapons, drugs, and inappropriate use of social media or technology. Students who break the law will be sent home.
- Students must follow the terms and conditions of the study permit issued to them by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

Social Media & AI

When posting pictures, messages, or comments on any social media site, students will respect personal dignity. Students will not post negative, derogatory, or hurtful messages/photos of their peers, themselves, or anyone's family and school staff or program. Students will not participate in online gambling, online dating, or activity using AI (Artificial Intelligence) that brings harm to others.

Smoking, Alcohol & Illegal Drugs

Students may not smoke or vape any substances, consume alcohol or use legal and illegal drugs while enrolled in the International Student Program and regardless of age.

Working

Students may not hold a paying job during their participation in the International Student Program. Students cannot perform any task in exchange for money while in Canada.

Driving

Students may not drive motorized vehicles of any type, regardless of any existing license or training from their country of origin. Students may not participate or partake in Drivers Education classes/program.

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LRSD Homestay Living Arrangement (As Applicable)

Students acknowledge that living in a homestay environment provides a valuable opportunity to learn about other families and cultures. They will follow the rules of their homestay family, including any curfews, chores and expectations established. Students will participate in activities with their homestay family. If a student decides to leave the homestay program or does not participate in the homestay program, they understand that the Louis Riel School Division is not liable for any issues arising in a private accommodation, including any disputes, concerns, medical, financial, and insurance matters. Louis Riel School Division is released from any obligation (medical, financial, and legal). Students must provide complete and proper documentation including custodianship arrangements (if under 18 years of age) that is acceptable by Louis Riel School Division and that fulfills the legal definition of custodianship in Canada. Please refer to our refund policy for this circumstance.

Fees & Financial Responsibility

Students understand that program fees cover their application, tuition, medical insurance, most school fees and homestay or transcript validation fees (if applicable). Further:

- The application fee is non-refundable.
- Health insurance is mandatory.
- The International Student Program pays homestay fees directly to homestay families at the end of every month. Students do not pay families directly.
- School fees are administered to the schools through the International Student Program. School fees include items such as lockers, school agendas, and extracurricular fees. Additional school fees may be required by the school which would be paid directly to the school by the student such as fees associated with graduation, band instrument rentals, etc.
- Students may not attend classes until all fees are paid in full. Parents or agents are responsible for ensuring that any other outstanding money is paid prior to the school start date.
- Students are responsible for covering additional expenses prior to leaving, including extra luggage fees that may be charged by the airline.
- LRSD and its homestay families are not responsible for lost items, such as passport, documents, wallet, cell phones, computer devices, etc. This pertains to any location (school, homestay, bus) while the student is studying in the Louis Riel School Division.

Visitors

Family members are permitted to visit students while in Canada, however the visit must not interfere with students' schooling. Visitors must arrange independent accommodation. Students must advise the International Student Program staff at least two weeks prior to visitor's arrival in Canada. Romantic visits are prohibited. Only immediate family may visit during study times.

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Age of Majority

All students, regardless of age, must follow Program rules, including the rules of their homestay family. All information pertaining to behavior, class attendance, and academic achievement (including report cards), may be shared with natural parents and/or agent, if applicable, regardless of age.

Travel Authorization

Students may not travel independently without notifying the Program. Students in homestay must receive permission from natural parents. Permission to Travel forms are available and required each time a homestay student is out of LRSD care overnight, including sleepovers in non-LRSD homestay family homes.

Any costs associated with travel are the students' responsibility.

Permission to Publish Photographs & Video

Parents give permission to the Louis Riel School Division to use any photographs or video taken during students' participation in any Program or homestay-related events. Such photos and videos may be used in Departmental or School publications (i.e. brochures, newsletters, and school/division website) and in submissions to the local paper and any other agency as authorized/sanctioned by the Louis Riel School Division. These materials may be used for publicity purposes.

Medical Release Authorization

The Louis Riel School Division, custodian and homestay parents are authorized to consent to any X-ray examinations, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment or hospital care, which is deemed advisable by, and is rendered necessary under, the general supervision of any licensed physician or surgeon, whether such treatment or diagnosis is rendered at the clinic or said by physician or surgeon or at a hospital. This authorization is not given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the legal custodian to give specific consent to any and all such diagnoses, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician or surgeon, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, may deem advisable. This authorization shall be valid for the duration of the Louis Riel School Division International Student Program in which the student is participating.

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Medical Liability Release

Parents agree that the Louis Riel School Division can act on students' health and safety without incurring liability or expense. This may include students' admission to a hospital, use of doctor's services, and transportation to their home country at parents' expense. It is also understood that all students are covered by private insurance, purchased through the Program.

The Louis Riel School Division reserves the right to terminate students' participation for violation of Program rules and/or when a participant's mental and/or physical health is in jeopardy (as determined solely by the Louis Riel School Division).

General Release

The Louis Riel School Division can, at its discretion, apply consequences and/or dismiss students and return them home at parents' expense without refund for reasons such as (but not limited to):

- Providing false and/or inaccurate information on the Student Application,
- Not disclosing or providing accurate medical information,
- Violating any of the rules set out by the International Student Program and Manitoba or Canadian Law
- Non-payment of school tuition fees and other breaches of any agreement/contract discussed in the Terms and Conditions for studying in the Louis Riel School Division.

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure students documents are up to date (such as renewal of study permits and passports, etc.)

Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will be notified is a student is dismissed from the Program.

Informed Consent and Waiver for High-Risk Activities

The undersigned acknowledge that certain risks of injury are inherent to participation in medium to high-risk activities. Injuries may be either minor or serious and may result from students' actions or the actions/interactions of others, or a combination of both.

The undersigned declare that the applicant is allowed to participate in Program, School and Homestay activities and understand that the choice to participate brings with it the assumption of those risks and any result of these activities.

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The undersigned understand and acknowledge that, despite the precautions taken by the Program, School, students and their homestay families, there are potential risks associated with engaging in medium to high-risk activities, including risks of physical injury, accident, sickness, death, delay, inconvenience, or damage to personal property.

The undersigned agree that the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) and its homestay families & employees shall not be liable for any injury or loss or damage to personal property arising from, or in any way resulting from the applicant’s participation in these activities, and authorize the applicant to participate in the following:

- School Sports
- Travel by motorized sport vehicle (snowmobile, boat, watercraft) understanding that international students are forbidden to drive/operate any motorized vehicle.
- Water skiing/tubing
- Ice sport events (includes but not limited to skating, curling, hockey)
- Downhill skiing/snowboarding/tobogganing
- Other activities as developed by the Program or School.

Any Program-independent activities that require a WAIVER to be signed MUST BE SIGNED by natural/legal parent or guardian, case-by-case.

The undersigned have read the above, taken the opportunity to translate and request clarification and agree to support and fulfill all obligations set out. Failure to follow the terms and conditions may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the Louis Riel School Division’s International Student Program.

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Name of Student	Students’s Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Name of Parent/Guardian	Parent/Guardian’s Signature	Date
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Name of Agent (if applicable)	Agent’s Signature	Date