

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL TUITION-PAYING STUDENTS

Background

Northwest School Division is accepting a limited number of applications from international students who may be permitted to study, but who are not eligible for publicly funded education. Students may already be in Canada, or they may be arriving from overseas. The following travel and arrival guidelines will be in place for as long as deemed necessary by the Province of Saskatchewan.

Northwest School Division supports the provincial COVID-19 vaccination program and believes vaccination is the most effective way to protect ourselves, our families, and our community against COVID-19. We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as eligible ([Vaccine Booking](#)).

In order to ensure the safety of all families in our school community, all students are accepted as tuition-payers and their parents/guardians must follow all current protocols and guidelines set out by the [Government of Canada](#), the Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Northwest School Division in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please review the information below. Please note that if these guidelines are not followed, students may be denied the opportunity to register in a school, or to continue their studies once registered without refund. Additional fines may also be applied by government authorities in some circumstances where there is non-compliance.

Procedures

1. Arrival

- 1.1. Currently, all students arriving from abroad to attend at school within Northwest School Division must verify their eligibility to travel to Canada as per the Government of Canada's [travel guidelines](#) and [guidelines for international students](#). Additionally, students must complete, before their arrival in Canada:

- The Canadian government's [ArriveCAN application](#) (available online).

Failure to satisfy these requirements is a breach of the agreement between the school division and the student/family that has been signed as part of the application process and may result in dismissal from the school division's programming. It is also a federal offence. Non-compliance of a federal Order in Council (e.g. not quarantining) will be reported via the local police non-emergency line. More information on penalties for violating federal orders can be found [here](#).

Students are also expected to comply with public health orders issued by the Saskatchewan government. Non-compliance with provincial public health orders will be reported using the non-compliance reporting form found [here](#).

2. Student Pre-Departure Plan:

- 2.1 Confirm your plans with your guardian, relative, or friend in Canada;
- 2.2 Complete and sign this document to confirm your understanding of Northwest School Division's "Safe Arrival" protocols and return it electronically to office@nwsd.ca at least 14 days prior to your arrival;
- 2.3 Pay all fees;
- 2.4 Ensure you have contact information for someone in the Northwest School Division area (guardian, relative, friend) who can assist you if you require;
- 2.5 Plan for self-isolation/quarantine following the guidelines set out at the [Government of Canada travel page](#);
- 2.6 Submit your quarantine plan for review to office@nwsd.ca. Your plan must be approved before you depart. Consult the Government of Canada's [quarantine procedures](#). You'll need to confirm you have a suitable place to quarantine where you:
 - a) *stay for 14 days or possibly longer*
 - b) *have access to the necessities of life, including water, food, medication and heat without leaving quarantine*
 - c) *can avoid contact with others who did not travel with you*
 - d) *have no visits from family or guests*
- 2.7 Ensure you have current private Health Insurance. International students may be eligible for [SK health coverage](#) once they arrive if they choose to apply for it;
- 2.8 Ensure you have met/will meet all the requirements of the [Government of Canada's travel checklist](#) including the completion of a medical check/testing results;
- 2.9 Complete Arrival Plans via ArriveCAN;
- 2.10 Pack masks and hand sanitizer.

3. Student Travel Plan

- 3.1. Wear a [mask](#) and physically distance as much as possible throughout your flight and in the airport.
- 3.2. Ensure your local guardian, relative; friend is aware of your travel arrangements.
- 3.3. Follow all health guidelines as set out by the Canadian and Saskatchewan governments.
PLEASE NOTE: It is important to review and understand provincial requirements at the time of departure and the time of arrival as requirements may change and individuals are responsible for adjusting as necessary. Consult the [Saskatchewan COVID-19](#) page regularly and often.
- 3.4. You will be asked questions about your quarantine plan upon arrival and they must also be submitted through the ArriveCAN app.

4. Student Arrival Plan

- 4.1. You can contact your school directly to register once you have completed the 14-day [quarantine procedures](#).
- 4.2. If there is a change in your status, eg. you have tested positive for Covid, or you begin to experience symptoms, please call 811 for direction.
- 4.3. Non-compliance of a health order (eg. Not quarantining) will be reported either via the local police non-emergency line or via the [non-compliance reporting form](#). There can be very serious consequences for not following Public Health Orders, including fines in cases where negligence or misconduct have been found. Fines may be \$2,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for corporations, plus a victim surcharge (40%). Also, and as noted above, if the federal Order in Council is not followed (e.g., isolation), then federal enforcement/fines can be imposed.

5. During Your Stay

- 5.1. Please continue to practice recommended hygiene procedures including wearing a mask in locations that require it, physical distancing when possible, and washing your hands often. Continually self-monitor for symptoms. More information can be found [here](#).
- 5.2. If you develop symptoms or are diagnosed, please refer to the [SK Health website](#) for instruction or call 811 for direction on how to proceed.
- 5.3. Schools will notify students and their parents/custodians of important updates regarding COVID-19 exposure or outbreaks via email or text. It is important that student and custodian contact information is accurate and kept current with the school.
- 5.4. Please see the Northwest School Division's website for additional detail on the school division's [Re-Open Plan](#) due to the pandemic and the admin procedure [AP162](#), including sanitization and safety measures, or, once registered, speak to your school's principal.
 - 5.4.1 In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, school(s) will work with the local public health office on outbreak response (e.g. contact tracing, closing schools/classes, switching to remote learning etc.)
 - 5.4.2 Schools have a plan in place (follow directives provided by the local public health office), so that they are prepared to respond efficiently.
 - 5.4.3 All information will be communicated to international students and their families through the usual communication channels via email and text.
- 5.5. Students can access supports available through the school such as school guidance counsellors, school wellness coordinators or mental health referrals if they are experiencing mental health issues related to pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic. On-line support can also be found on the Northwest School Division website – [NWSA Mental Health and Wellbeing](#). [Kids Help Phone](#) is an additional support that students can access if needed.

Northwest School Division does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or racism in any form, and students and/or their guardians/relatives/friends should report such events or experiences to teachers, school counsellors, the school principal or other school staff.

We have read and understand Northwest School Division's Safe Arrival guidelines and agree to follow all requirements as outlined above.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved: March 14, 2022