

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION

Academic Excellence and Cultural Integration in a Safe and Caring Learning Environment





International Student Program







Mountain View School Division (MVSD) consists of seven communities located in the heart of Manitoba's Parkland Region, which is known for its abundance of natural spaces and beautiful scenery between Riding Mountain National Park and Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

We take great pride in offering high quality educational programming within a safe, caring environment at each of our sixteen schools. International students have a variety of options to choose from: to study and receive credit for courses taken; to graduate with a Grade 12 Diploma; or to participate in a short-term cultural and language development program. To ensure international students integrate successfully into regular classes, the Division

offers various supports such as English as an additional language, access to school counsellors, and program staff who remain closely connected with students, schools and homestay families. Students may complement their academic studies with a variety of school and community-based activities. To fully experience family life in Canada and become immersed in the English language, all students live with one of our carefully selected homestay families.



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LOCATION

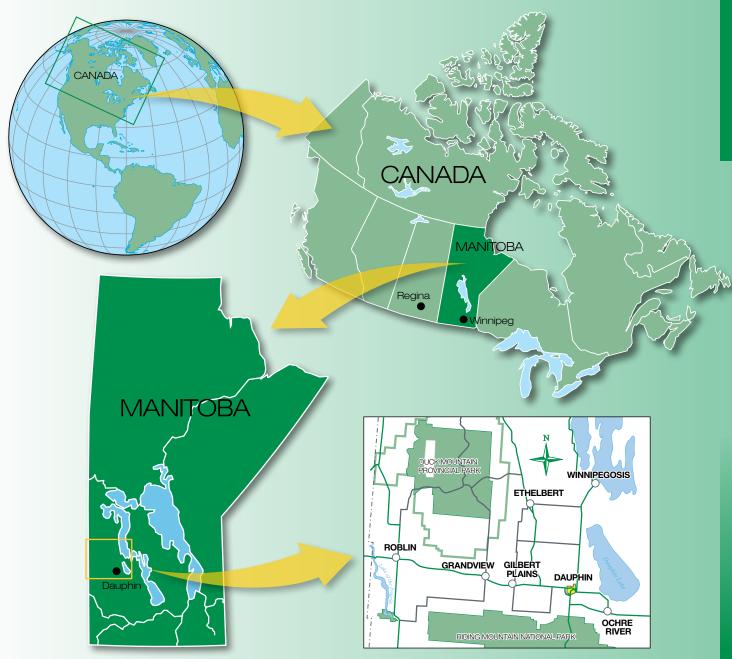
Mountain View School Division is a geographically large rural school division located in the heart of the Manitoba prairies. Here one can find pristine lakes; cool, refreshing streams; rolling grasslands; and sprawling forests. The division is nestled between two prairie mountain ranges – the Riding Mountains to the south and the Duck Mountains to the north.

Mountain View School Division has a diverse and comprehensive public education system with an annual enrolment of approximately 3,250 students. The division provides Kindergarten to Grade 12 educational programming in sixteen schools located in seven separate communities: Dauphin, Roblin, Winnipegosis, Grandview, Gilbert Plains, Ethelbert, and Ochre River. Due to the large geographical

nature of the division, approximately 50% of the students are transported on division buses, to their local community school.

Mountain View School Division has five Kindergarten to Grade 6 schools, four Kindergarten to Grade 8 schools, two Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools, one Grade 7 and Grade 8 school, and four Grade 9 to Grade 12 schools. The largest high school, Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, offers a full slate of academic and vocational programs. French immersion and Ukrainian bilingual programs are offered at the Kindergarten – Grade 8 level.

Each secondary and middle school has an extensive extra-curricular program where students can participate in a variety of activities, and divisional tournaments are held throughout the year to highlight the sports program. To complement the athletics program, fine arts and music programs are offered throughout the division.





Mountain View School Division International Student Program gives students from outside of Canada the opportunity to study at a local school; to graduate with a Grade 12 Diploma; or to participate in a short-term cultural and academic integration program.



The International Student Program offers programming for students in Grades 5-12 wishing to study in Canada for a short-term (3 months), for a longer term (5 months and greater), or for a short-term orientation program of four weeks.

Although the program is designed for students in Grades 5-12, Mountain View School Division will also accept some early years (Kindergarten – Grade 4) student applications. The acceptance of the early years application is dependent

upon the availability of the student's parents, or an immediate family member (grandparent, aunt or uncle) to accompany the child to Canada and reside in the school division for the duration of the child's program. Additionally, early years placement is limited to availability of appropriate programs and grade level.

Any exceptions to program offerings and age requirements would require written approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

LONG-TERM PROGRAM

The long-term program is a single semester (September – January or February – June), or a full school year (September to June). International students are integrated into regular classes with local students and are able to gain credit for courses completed. The student may choose a program that leads to graduation with a Manitoba high school diploma.

For those students requiring language assistance, our English as an additional language program, combined with special tutorial assistance, helps prepare students for academic studies in fully integrated classes.

CLASSROOM INTEGRATION

Grade 5 – 8 Classroom Integration. The aim of the middle years long-term program is to provide a friendly and welcoming English-rich environment for the international students. The focus is on language development and the students' social development is a primary consideration with integration into an age appropriate classroom. Students

learn English through participation in a regular middle years classroom with EAL support, as needed. Students will do as much of the regular classroom work as they are capable of, based on their language ability.

Grade 9 – 12 Classroom Integration. The high school program provides a friendly and welcoming Englishrich environment for international students. The international students are integrated in academic and elective classes, studying side-by-side with Canadian students. The students' timetable is designed to provide rapid language development in classes where students have a high chance of success, while also earning graduation credits. The school guidance counsellor, resource teacher and Coordinator of International Education work together with international students to provide individualized support to help students reach their goals and to ensure their well-being.

The range of available courses includes core academic subjects such as English, social studies, mathematics and all sciences, as well as a wide variety of electives including calculus, information technology, drama, concert band, ice hockey, culinary arts, auto body, power mechanics, graphic design, business education and much more. Students with strong academic achievement may study advanced placement courses. Availability of program options is dependent upon the international students' school placements.

International students graduating from high school in MVSD have the opportunity to continue their studies at one of the universities located in Manitoba or any university located in Canada. Such institutions regularly accept qualified international students into a variety of programs.

ACTIVITIES

Students have an opportunity to participate in a wide-range of activities. International students are also encouraged to participate in the many extra-curricular activities offered at MVSD schools. The involvement in extra-curricular activities, such as soccer, volleyball, photography, basketball, and curling provides students with ample opportunity to develop their intellectual, physical

and social skills. Weekdays involve school attendance and school related activities, while weekends allow students the opportunity to relax and enjoy time with their Canadian homestay families.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

International students are assessed and evaluated in the same manner as local students. International students receive a division report card that provides parents and students with a summative report on credits completed and level of achievement in each course. MVSD has three reporting periods for early and middle years students (fall, winter and end of year) and four reporting periods for high school students (two reports for each semester).

SHORT-TERM PROGRAM

The short-term program in Middle Years is a three-month program designed to introduce international students to Canadian classrooms and to Canadian culture. The program focuses on language development and cultural awareness.

CLASSROOM INTEGRATION

International students are placed in MVSD schools offering middle years (Grades 5 – Grade 8) programming and school placement is dependent upon the student's English language ability, age of student and the school catchment area of the homestay family. International students participate in regular classes alongside local students, and are able to receive English as an additional language support, if required. Along with the academic component, international students have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of intra- and extra-curricular activities.

ACTIVITIES

In addition to school-based activities, the short term program offers a wide variety of activities that are unique to the geographical area of the region. Activity selection is determined by the season and availability of facilities and guides. Each activity is fully chaperoned and all necessary







equipment and instruction is provided, as outlined in MVSD Out-of-Class and Off-Site-Activities, Educational Tours, Field Trips and Athletic Trips Policy and procedures.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

In the short-term program, students normally will not achieve academic credits, because a full academic school year, or one semester of a school year cannot be completed. Students who are participating in the program for at least three months have the potential to receive a regular term report card. The report may also include some classroom-based assessments and samples of work completed during the student's stay.

EXPLORER PROGRAM

The four-week Explorer Program is designed to provide international students with a brief introduction to

Canadian culture and Canadian classrooms with English as an additional language instruction. The Program is an opportunity to perfect English language skills and experience Canadian culture by participating in classroom activities and out-of-class activities.

International students receive English as an additional language classes to enhance English language development. Students have an opportunity to experience a Canadian classroom and are exposed to a variety of subjects, such as mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, fine arts, and technology. Student participation in the various activities that are available will further strengthen their English language skills.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Explorer program is a stand-alone program facilitated by a certified teacher. A large component of the International student's day is focused on English as an additional language instruction, which is integrated within a variety of topics and subject areas. English language is developed through experiential learning activities and daily conversations. During the program, students have the opportunity to interact with Canadian students.

The Explorer program has a large activity component. It is through the various activities that the students have ample opportunity to converse in English. Activity selection is determined by the season and availability of facilities and guides, and the activity is fully chaperoned with student safety as the number one priority. Students have an opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: exploring local attractions; snowshoeing; sledding; seasonal festivals; and cultural activities, such as bannock making, Ukrainian dance, pysanky, and making maple syrup candy.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Upon completion of the program, students receive a portfolio of work completed during the program, and a certificate of completion. An English language proficiency assessment may also be administered.



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DAUPHIN COMMUNITY

The city of Dauphin is the largest centre within Mountain View School Division. Dauphin is home to seven division schools. The largest high school, Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School is located in the city of Dauphin. For more information on what the City of Dauphin has to offer, please visit its website at www.dauphin.ca.

Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School



Student Enrollment	675
Grades	Grade 9 - Grade 12 English, and French as a second language
Website	www.mvsd.ca/DRCS.cfm

Mackenzie Middle School



Student Enrollment	290
Grades	Grade 7 and 8 English, French Immersion, and Ukrainian Bilingual Programs
Website	www.mvsd.ca/MacKenzie.cfm

Lt. Colonel Barker V.C. School



Student Enrollment	250
Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 6 English Program
Website	www.mvsd.ca/Barker.cfm

Henderson Elementary School



Student Enrollment	240
Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 6 English Program
Website	www.mvsd.ca/Henderson.cfm

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Whitmore School	iool	Student Enrollment	130
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		Website	www.mvsd.ca/Whitmore.cfm
École Macneill	1	Student Enrollment	200
		Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 6 French Immersion Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/EMacneill.cfm
Smith-Jackson		Student Enrollment	90
Ukrainian Bilingual School	an Bilingual	Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 6 Ukrainian Bilingual Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/SJUB.cfm

ETHELBERT COMMUNITY

The Village of Ethelbert is located in the northwestern part of Mountain View School Division. One division school is located in Ethelbert. Ethelbert is a quaint little community situated east of the Duck Mountain Provincial Park. For more information on the Village of Ethelbert, please visit its website at www.villageofethelbert.com.

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Student Enrollment	100
Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 12 English Program
Website	www.mvsd.ca/Ethelbert.cfm

GILBERT PLAINS COMMUNITY

The community of Gilbert Plains is located in the valley between Riding Mountain National Park and Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Gilbert Plains is home to two division schools, a Kindergarten - Grade 8 school and a Grade 9 - 12 school. For more information on what Gilbert Plains has to offer, please visit the community's website at www.gilbertplains.com.

Gilbert Plains Elementary School	Student Enrollment	175	
	T. I.C.	Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 8 English Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/GilbertPlains.cfm
Gilbert Plains	ji .	Student Enrollment	100
Collegiate	Grades	Grade 9 - Grade 12 English Program	
	The second second	Website	www.mvsd.ca/GPCollegiate.cfm

GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY

The Town of Grandview is located 16 km west of Gilbert Plains in the picturesque valley between Riding Mountain National Park and Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Mountain View School Division has one school situated in the Town of Grandview. Please visit the Town of Grandview website at www.grandviewmanitoba.net for more information on what the community has to offer.

Grandview School	Student Enrollment	240
	Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 12 English Program
	Website	www.mvsd.ca/grandview.cfm







OCHRE RIVER COMMUNITY

The Rural Municipality of Ochre River is nestled between Riding Mountain National Park and Lake Dauphin. The Villages of Ochre River and Makinak are situated within the municipality. The Village of Ochre River is home to one division school, a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school. Students in Grades 9 – 12 are transported via division buses to Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School located 32 km west of the village. For more information on what the municipality has to offer, please visit its website at www.mts.net/~rmochre/.

Ochre River School	Student Enrollment	75	
	Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 8 English Program	
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/ochreriver.cfm

ROBLIN COMMUNITY

The community of Roblin is considered the "Jewel of the Parkland," and it is the second largest centre in Mountain View School Division. Roblin is located 96 km west of Dauphin and is home to two division schools. For more information on what the Town of Roblin and surrounding area has to offer, please visit its website at www.roblinmanitoba.com.

Roblin Elementary	Student Enrollment	330	
School	1001	Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 8 English Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/roblin.cfm
Goose Lake High School		Student Enrollment	175
	Grades	Grade 9 - Grade 12 English Program	
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/gooselake.cfm

WINNIPEGOSIS COMMUNITY

The Village of Winnipegosis is a small rural farming community located north of Dauphin, and is situated along Lake Winnipegosis. Two division schools are located in the Village of Winnipegosis.

Winnipegosis		Student Enrollment	110
Elementary School		Grades	Kindergarten - Grade 8 English Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/winnipegosis.cfm
Winnipegosis	Student Enrollment	110	
Collegiate	ate	Grades	Grade 9 - Grade 12 English Program
		Website	www.mvsd.ca/WinnCollegiate.cfm

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

COURSES AVAILABLE AT ALL MVSD HIGH SCHOOLS

- Business Education & Computer
- Business Computer
- Digital Media Arts
- Information Technology Modern Language
- Marketing
- English
- Fine Arts
 - Visual Arts
 - Music
- Theatre

- Home Economics
 - Family Studies
 - Food Studies
 - Textile Studies
- French • Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
 - Chemistry Physics
- Biology
- Sustainable Resources
- Social Studies
 - Geography
 - History
- Global Education
- Law

• Technology (varies by High School location)

DAUPHIN: Automotive Technology; Metal Fabrication & Machining; Power Technology; Woodworking.

ETHELBERT: Clothing Design; Foods; Metals; Woodworking.

GILBERT PLAINS & GRANDVIEW: Construction; Manufacturing; Small Motors; Woodworking.

ROBLIN: Clothing Design; Electricity; Metals; Power

Mechanics; Woodworking.

WINNIPEGOSIS (& ETHELBERT GRADE 9): Clothing Design; Drafting and Design; Foods; Metals; Woodworking.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS, SPORTS & CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AT ALL MVSD HIGH SCHOOLS

DAUPHIN REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL	ETHELBERT SCHOOL	GILBERT PLAINS COLLEGIATE	GOOSE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL	GRANDVIEW SCHOOL	WINNIPEGOSIS COLLEGIATE
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Advanced Placement: Alternative Programming Food Preparation TAG – Teacher Advisory Groups	Advanced Placement TAG – Teacher Advisor Program Volunteerism Youth in Philanthropy	Advanced Placement TAG -Teacher Advisor Program Volunteerism Youth in Philanthropy	Advanced Placement Youth in Philanthropy	Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement TAG -Teacher Advisor Program Volunteerism Youth in Philanthropy
SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS
Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Golf Ice Hockey Intramural Sports Rugby Soccer Swimming Tennis Track and Field: Volleyball Softball Baseball Football Track and Field Curling	Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Golf Ice Hockey Intramural Sports Soccer Track and Field Volleyball	Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Golf Ice Hockey Intramural Sports Soccer Track and Field Volleyball	Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Golf Curling Intramural Sports Softball Soccer Baseball Hockey Track and Field Volleyball	Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Curling Intramural Sports Track and Field Volleyball	Badminton Basketball Cross Country Running Golf Ice Hockey Intramural Sports Soccer Track and Field Volleyball
CLUBS/ACTIVITIES	CLUBS/ACTIVITIES	CLUBS/ACTIVITIES	CLUBS/ACTIVITIES	CLUBS/ACTIVITIES	CLUBS/ACTIVITIES
Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Musical Band Photography Peer Counselling Student Council Weight Training Club Yearbook Student Council Drama Reach for the Top	Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Yearbook Peer Counseling Student Council Intramurals	Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Yearbook Peer Counseling Student Council Intramurals	Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Intramurals Boxing Club Travel Club Peer Counselling Student Council Weight Training Club	Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Peer Counseling Student Council Weight Training Club Student Council	Art Club Cross Country Grad Council Yearbook Peer Counseling Student Council Intramurals

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM

In the Middle Years Program (Grades 5-8), students' course of study focuses on Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Arts, and Physical Education/Health, with some options for Music, Home Economics, Industrial Arts and French.



Mountain View School Division ensures that a high-quality accommodation is arranged in close proximity to school, and that all homestay families undergo a homestay orientation, training, Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

The homestay program provides:

- Placement with an appropriate homestay family
- Three meals a day
- Bedroom with storage and place to study
- Homestay Manager monitoring of accommodation
- Access to telephone
- Access to Internet
- Access to laundry facilities

IMPORTANT

- All homestay fees are to be paid in advance to Mountain View School Division. Mountain View School Division will disburse fees to homestay family.
- Homestay fees will not be pro-rated should an international student travel.
- Mountain View School Division International Student Program will strive to meet the individual needs of students when placing students.
- The homestay fee does not cover any extra-curricular school costs. Homestay families are expected to include the international student when they participate in local family outings and cover their expenses.

 Each international student will be provided with a key to their home and contact information for their homestay parents during working hours.

Some of the highlights of our hosting experience were learning about each other's cultures... watching the girls experience all their Canadian "Firsts". They brought such joy and life to our home with their excitement.

- Adeline Pochinco & Roger Grestoni







In addition to school-based activities, a wide variety of activities that are unique to the geographical area of the region are available. Activity selection is determined by the season and availability of facilities and guides.

Each activity is fully chaperoned and all necessary equipment and instruction is provided, as outlined in MVSD Out-of-Class and Off-Site Activities, Educational Tours, Field Trips and Athletic Trips Policy and procedures.

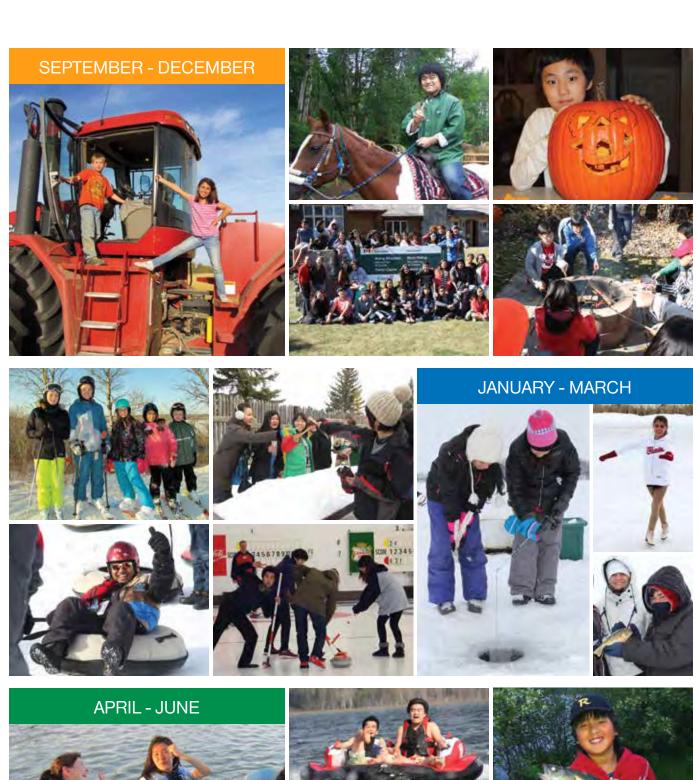
International students have an opportunity to participate in some of the following activities:

- · Ski or snowboard lessons
- Snowmobile excursions
- Ice fishing
- Wilderness hikes
- Ice skating
- Boating
- Visits to Winnipeg or Regina attractions
- Visits to Riding Mountain National Park attractions, such as Moon Lake, Beach Ridges, Clear Lake, Beads Lake
- Visits to cultural heritage sites
- Sleigh rides
- · Cross country skiing and snowshoeing
- Mountain biking
- Visits to local community attractions



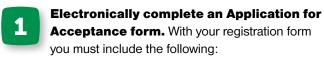












- Signed and dated Conditions/Permission Signature
 Sheet (see page 12 of the application form)
- Original or certified true copies of transcripts or school records from your last 2 years of school (translated into English) – not required for participants of the Explorer Program
- Recent photograph
- Copy of current passport
- Non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 (CAD) payable to Mountain View School Division

It is recommended that you make a photocopy of the application for your records prior to submission.

Send the completed application to:
International Student Program
Mountain View School Division
Box 715
Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada R7N 3B3

Acceptance into the International Student Program is determined by the Coordinator of International Student Programs. Students who are accepted will receive initial notification, usually by email or fax. Once fees have been paid, an official Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

Once the Letter of Acceptance is received, immediately contact the nearest Citizenship and Immigration Canada office

and request a VISA application form for a Study Permit. As this process can exceed eight weeks, please apply early. Please ensure that your passport is current.

- Further documentation, such as Custodianship Declaration (if applicable), school placement, and homestay family information will be forwarded prior to arrival in Mountain View School Division.
- The student will be met at the Winnipeg International Airport or the Regina Airport by member(s) of the International Student Program staff and transported to Mountain View School Division.
- The student is introduced to his/her homestay family and community, and later introduced to the Principal and teachers at the school he/she is enrolled in. A timetable is established to meet the needs of the student.







ADMISSION DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	GRADES	DURATION	SCHEDULED DATES	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Long-Term Program	Full Year	5-12	10 months	September - June	May 31st
	Semester - Fall Entry	5-12	5 months	September - January	May 31st
	Semester - Spring Entry	5-12	5 months	February - June	November 30 th
Short-Term Program	Fall Entry	5-8	3 months	September - November	May 31 st
	Winter Entry	5-8	3 months	January - March	October 31st
	Spring Entry	5-8	3 months	April - June	January 31st
Mountain View Explorer Program	Orientation Program	5-8	4 weeks	Fall: Early October - Early November	May 31 st
				Winter: Early January - Early February	October 31st
				Spring: Early April - Early May	January 31st

WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE SAYING ABOUT MVSD'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



"Yaneth, my lovely wife and I want to express our gratitude to the good friends and our new Canadian family for the love and respect you welcomed our children, Mariana and Miguel. Twice we have been in this sacred land of Roblin, which celebrates 100 years of existence, full of good people, honest and hardworking, virtues that have taught our children by example and in classrooms. You will always be in our memories and our hearts. We come from a beautiful country called Colombia, where there will always be a Canadian flag hoisted as a testimony of these two years. What an honor to have been part of you."

— Fernando Adolfo Pareja Reinemer and family, Colombia

"Mountain View School Division tried to make my high school life successful and they did give me a good impression about Canada."

Woo Soo Been, South Korea,
 MVSD ISP Student, 2011 - 2012

"Mountain View School Division provides good schools that are full of good teachers. It made a good circumstance where I can study well."

Jung TaeWon, South Korea,
MVSD ISP Student, 2011 - 2012

"From this experience, I have gained mostly maturity, language improvement, social skills, confidence, friends, lots of knowledge."

Jose Bello Romero, Colombia,
 MVSD ISP Student, 2012 - 2013

WHY MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION?



- Affordable education
- Warm, caring, friendly and safe learning environments
- Immersion into regular school classes, fostering the acquisition of social and academic language
- Individualized attention and personalized programming assistance
- Relaxed and safe lifestyle
- EAL classes
- Small class sizes
- Rewarding and diverse cultural and extra-curricular activities, available through the school and community
- Healthy living environment with an abundance of pristine lakes, parks, and open prairie
- Four distinct seasons with a sunny climate
- Graduate with a Manitoba High School Diploma

FURTHER INFORMATION



Visit the Mountain View School Division International Student Program Website at: www.mvsd.ca/isp

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Mountain View School Division International Student Program:



Email: *isp@mvsd.ca* **Phone:** 1-204-638-3001 **Fax:** 1-204-638-7250

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