



School District #22 (Vernon) International Student Program

Student Travel During Studies

Students who wish to travel outside of Canada during their studies with School District #22 are responsible for making all necessary arrangements and informing all stakeholders of the plans.

Students are also responsible for ensuring application for travel documents, if required, is made with adequate time for processing.

I want to travel outside of Vernon during my program. What should I do?

If you wish to travel during your studies, you must follow these steps:

- Obtain permission from your parents. Written permission from your parents must be submitted to the School District Office.
- Inform your homestay family and your Homestay Coordinator of your plans. Should your plans change, it is important to keep them up to date.
- Provide the School District Office with a schedule of your intended travels and contact information for your destination, if possible.
- Make arrangements for your travels, including your necessary travel documents.

I want to go to another country for vacation. What should I do?

If you are planning to travel to another country, it is your responsibility to ensure you have all necessary documents. It is possible that you might need a Visa to enter your destination country.

What is a Visa?

A Visa is the travel document that allows you to enter the country of destination. Unless you are a passport holder of that country, there is a possibility that you will need a Visa. If you do not obtain a Visa and it is required, you will not be granted admission and will likely be turned away at the border.

How do I know if I need a Visa?

You will need to check the website for the embassy of that country to find the list of countries that need or don't need a Visa for entry. **It is your responsibility to find out whether or not you need the Visa.**

How long does it take to get a Visa?

The Visa process varies from country to country and will also be dependant on your country of origin (for example, an applicant from Canada and an applicant from Brazil both applying for a Visa to another country will likely have different requirements and wait times). Please allow a minimum of 6 weeks for your Visa application to be processed. If you have a tighter timeline, you are encouraged to call the consulate or embassy you will be dealing with to verify you have sufficient time for processing.

From whom do I need permission to travel?

As the School District #22 is your custodian in Canada, you are required to inform the School District of your travel plans. If required, they will provide a letter for your Visa application outlining your program of study and that you plan to return to Vernon to complete your program.

You must also provide the School District Office with written permission from your parents for your travel plans. This may be provided by fax, email, or by letter and should include your parents' signature.

You will also need to inform your homestay parents of your plans, as well as your Homestay Coordinator. The District Office and the Homestay Coordinators are responsible for you during your studies. It is very important that you keep them informed of any travel plans you make.

I need to miss school for my travels. What should I do?

It is not recommended that any school days are missed for travel time. Please check the school calendar for start and end dates before booking any trips.

However, should you still need to miss school for your travels, please ensure your parents are informed and include that information in your letter of permission.

Speak to your teachers and school administration well in advance of the time you will be missing in order to ensure no assignments or exams will be missed.

Useful websites are:

United States of America: <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/>

United Kingdom:

<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1125559336313>

Germany: http://www.germany.info/relaunch/info/consular_services/visa/transit.html

<http://www.auswaertiges->

[amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht.html)