



"I made new friends (Canadians and from other countries as well), learned about Canadian culture, how to survive and enjoy the cold, how to be open to people, so they can know me better and vice-versa, and most importantly, I became so much more independent than I could ever be if I was in Brazil right now."

- *Thais Bernardino Rosa, Brazil*



"It's great to learn a new language, meet new people, go to a school totally different from mine, live with a new family with a new culture, new things, new room, etc...My new family, because it is so different, taught me many things that are making me a better person. And for me they are as important as my real family."

- *Giovanna Oliveria de Lisboa, Brazil*



"Last August I made a big decision with my parents which was going to Canada to attend school and experience the totally different life and culture compared with China. In the past year I have studied in St. James-Assiniboia. I have learned the importance of diversity and trying to understand another culture."

- *Yexuan Li, China*



"The last three months in Canada have been some of the best times of my life. School is fun and the family I live with is very nice. When I have any problems I can always talk to them but also to the people from the school district. Maybe you fear the winter in Canada. Don't! The weather can be cold, but think of all the fun you can have in snow and ice: skating, playing ice hockey, skiing..."

- *Jonas Grundmann, Germany*

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division is the path to university excellence and academic achievement. A crucial element of the International Student Program is that students are integrated into classroom settings with local students, allowing for the highest quality cross-cultural academic experience. The Division offers the support and supervision international students need to make necessary adjustments to their new environment. A qualified counsellor monitors each student's academic progress and offers support and guidance. Regular reports are available to the international student's parents.

Our Division has:

- a remarkable number of students who go on to excel in post-secondary education
- a track record of academic excellence
- a low ratio of International to Canadian students in our schools
- a wide array of nationally and internationally recognized certificate and diploma programs
- full integration of international students in classroom settings, complemented by ESL programming
- a responsible and supportive Homestay program
- frequent contact with the Program Director and the Homestay Manager

Winnipeg, Canada ... in the heart of North America!

- capital city of the Province of Manitoba, a vibrant, global city
- citizens known for friendliness, generosity and creativity
- cosmopolitan, sophistication and hometown charm
- four beautiful and distinct seasons
- spacious parks, wide open spaces and wonderful river walks
- transportation hub with world-class medical research facilities
- distinguished post-secondary academic institutions
- 24-hour international airport
- renowned Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Manitoba Theatre Centre
- numerous year-round festivals and fairs
- cultural mosaic with ethnic cuisine and restaurants

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The St. James-Assiniboia School Division

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division presents a unique opportunity for middle and high school students to broaden their educational experience in Canada. You will learn in a vibrant, exciting city and receive the best in education and university preparation. You will graduate well prepared for the most stringent academic demands of Canadian, U.S. and international universities. We maintain strong links with universities and post-secondary educational institutions.

Our high schools operate on a semester system that facilitates entry either in September or February. Although two semesters constitute a full school year, we welcome international students at either starting point.

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division consists of six middle schools and four high schools in a suburban community in western Winnipeg. Our schools are modern, state-of-the-art facilities, fully equipped to meet our students' needs in a technologically advanced world. Our teachers, all of whom are certified by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth are experienced and accessible; they encourage students to explore and to achieve their potential.

The Division's exceptionally high academic levels meet or exceed government standards. Our strong science and mathematics programs exemplify commitment to academic excellence. We offer French Immersion programming and a wide variety of co-curricular activities.

The International Student Program staff maintain close contact with students, homestay families and school staff. Strong support systems are an important aspect of our Program. We take pride in providing students with a well-rounded experience, which includes a balanced approach to academics, co-curricular activities and a pleasant stay in Winnipeg.

Deciding to come to St. James-Assiniboia was definitely the best decision I ever made.

All the incredible experiences I had in Winnipeg, I shall always keep in my heart.

Darren — Taiwan

Meeting the Needs of International Education Students

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division's International Student Program is designed to meet the needs of students with above average achievements and creative talents. We offer superior learning opportunities through required subjects and electives. The Division's programs are diverse and flexible enough to meet a student's individual academic requirements. Examples of these include: *Academic Certificate, Advanced Academic Certificate, International Baccalaureate Diploma and Certificate, Advanced Placement Certificate, French Immersion Diploma, Technology Education Program and Performing Arts Program Diploma.*

A remarkably high percentage of students go on to enter and to excel in universities worldwide. Our Division is recognized as an outstanding training ground. We offer an extensive range of optional specialized studies to complement top level general studies including: *Computer Science, Computer Applications, English, Geography, History, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, French, Spanish, German, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama/Theatre Arts, Choral Music, Band, Business Education, Electronics, Technology, Advanced Mathematics, Pre-engineering Technology, Social Sciences and others.*

Homestay Program

- students live with carefully selected Canadian families
- Homestay Manager personally inspects, interviews and approves each homestay family
- opportunity to practice English, learn about Canadian culture, participate in family activities
- positive atmosphere for study
- friendly, kind and caring people
- Program includes meals and private bedroom, shared telephone, laundry and bathroom facilities
- free airport pickup
- continuing support to homestay families and international students
- life-long friendships and memories

Being part of the Program was great! My English has improved ... and most important, I've learned how to feel comfortable living in a different culture.

Rodrigo — Brazil

Learn and Live in Winnipeg, Canada

Step 1: Complete the application form on the reverse. Completed applications *must* include:

- original transcripts from the last two years of school
- a letter of recommendation from the previous principal or school official
- a current photograph of the student
- a non-refundable application fee of \$200.00 payable to the St. James-Assiniboia School Division

Step 2: Send completed application as outlined in Step 1 to: **Director
SJSD International Student Program
470 Hamilton Ave., Winnipeg MB
R2Y 0H4 CANADA**

You may fax the application to 1-204-888-0945.
The application fee may be paid using Visa or Mastercard.

Step 3: The Director decides upon acceptance and placement of students. Accepted students will receive a formal letter of acceptance and a letter of custodianship (for students of minority age). Procedures for payment of fees are determined at this time.

Step 4: An information package will be sent to the student. The homestay family will be arranged and continuing support will be provided by the ISP to respond to the student's concerns and questions.

Step 5: ISP staff and homestay family meet the student at the Winnipeg International Airport and help the student settle into the city and homestay environment.

Step 6: ISP staff introduces the student to teachers, counsellors and Principal of the receiving school. The Director and Principal ensure that a proper academic program is planned for the student.

If you would like more information, please contact us at the above address or phone: 1-204-837-1331 fax: 1-204-888-0945 e-mail: intered@sjsd.net.

