



MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION  
Keeping Learners at the Centre

# International Student Program



**EXPERIENCE • EXPLORE • ACHIEVE**



# WELCOME

**Mountain View School Division 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.**

Mountain View School Division has had the privilege of welcoming international students since 2006. Students will appreciate the safety, hospitality and natural beauty associated with living in one of our welcoming rural communities. Our dynamic schools put learners at the centre and provide an inspiring, respectful and safe learning environment where every student is valued, nurtured and

enabled to realize his/her full potential. Students will enjoy taking part in family outings, interacting in English and living a new culture with one of our carefully chosen homestay families. Whether students are looking for a cultural experience, to improve their English fluency or to graduate with a Canadian diploma, the International Student Program staff will work closely with each student to ensure they meet their goals.

Safe and welcoming communities, excellence in education, immersion in Canadian life and support every step of the way! Welcome to Mountain View School Division!



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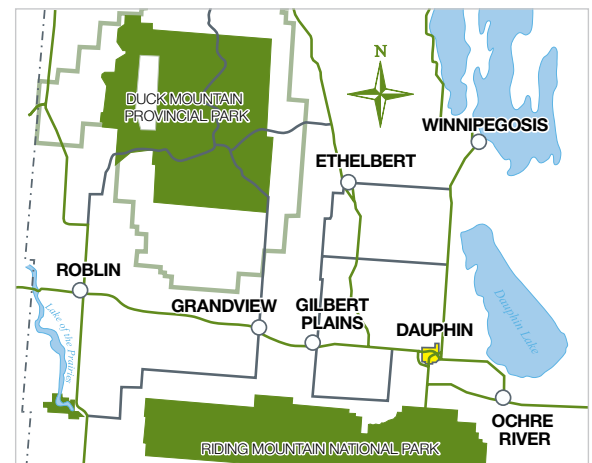
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# LOCATION



## GETTING HERE

- Students who come to Mountain View School Division will fly into James Richardson International Airport in Winnipeg, Manitoba (320 km south-east of Dauphin, Manitoba).
- Students will be picked up at the airport by MVSD staff and transported to their homestay family.



Mountain View School Division is located in the heart of the Manitoba prairies. Here one can find pristine lakes, 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 is home to sixteen schools located in seven separate communities: Dauphin, Roblin, Winnipegosis, Grandview, Gilbert Plains, Ethelbert, and Ochre River.





# SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES





## Dauphin

The city of Dauphin is the largest centre located within Mountain View School Division. This warm and welcoming community 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](http://www.dauphin.ca).

### DAUPHIN REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 670  
Grade 9-12 English and French  
Immersion Programs  
[www.mvsvd.ca/DRCSS.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/DRCSS.cfm)



### MACKENZIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 391  
Grade 6-8 English, French  
Immersion, and Ukrainian  
Bilingual Programs  
[www.mvsvd.ca/Mackenzie.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/Mackenzie.cfm)



There are also five Kindergarten – Grade 5 schools in Dauphin. For more information on these schools, visit our website at [www.mvsvd.ca/schools.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/schools.cfm).



Students enjoying a Dauphin Kings hockey game



Canada's National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin

## Ethelbert

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.

### ETHELBERT SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 102  
Kindergarten – Grade 12  
English Program  
[www.mvsvd.ca/Ethelbert.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/Ethelbert.cfm)



Horseback riding in Duck Mountain Provincial Park near Ethelbert

## Gilbert Plains



A Gilbert Plains residential neighbourhood

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 its website at [www.gilbertplains.com](http://www.gilbertplains.com).

### GILBERT PLAINS COLLEGIATE

Student Enrollment: 65  
Grade 9-12 English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/GPCollegiate.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/GPCollegiate.cfm)



### GILBERT PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 139  
Kindergarten – Grade 8 English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/GilbertPlains.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/GilbertPlains.cfm)



## Grandview



Canola field near Grandview

The Town of Grandview is located 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.com](http://www.grandviewmanitoba.com) for more information on what the community has to offer.

### GRANDVIEW SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 216  
Kindergarten – Grade 12  
English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/grandview.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/grandview.cfm)





## Ochre River

The Rural Municipality of Ochre River is nestled between Riding Mountain National Park and Lake Dauphin. The Village of Ochre River is home to a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school. For more information on what the municipality has to offer, please visit its website at [www.rmoflakeshore.ca](http://www.rmoflakeshore.ca).

### OCHRE RIVER SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 52  
Kindergarten – Grade 8  
English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/ochreriver.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/ochreriver.cfm)



Students playing broomball in Ochre River

## Roblin

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 90 kilometers 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](http://www.roblinmanitoba.com).

### GOOSE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 140  
Grade 9-12 English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/gooselake.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/gooselake.cfm)



Skiing at Assessippi Ski Area & Resort near Roblin

### ROBLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 325  
Kindergarten – Grade 8  
English Program  
[www.mvsc.ca/roblin.cfm](http://www.mvsc.ca/roblin.cfm)



## Winnipegosis



Fishing for walleye in Winnipegosis

The Village of Winnipegosis is a small rural farming community located north of Dauphin along Lake Winnipegosis. Two division schools are located in the village. For more information on what the municipality has to offer, please visit its website at [mosseyrivermunicipality.com](http://mosseyrivermunicipality.com).

### WINNIPEGOSIS COLLEGIATE

Student Enrollment: 107  
Grade 9-12 English Program  
[www.mvsvd.ca/WinnCollegiate.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/WinnCollegiate.cfm)



### WINNIPEGOSIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Enrollment: 90  
Kindergarten – Grade 8 English Program  
[www.mvsvd.ca/winnipegosis.cfm](http://www.mvsvd.ca/winnipegosis.cfm)



## Arts & Culture in Our Schools



Artists in the School



Band program



Graduation Pow Wow





**At Mountain View School Division, students from all over the world are invited to enjoy a premier education in one of our dynamic schools. Students from grade 5-12 are welcome to apply.**

International students who study in Mountain View School Division have a wide range of educational options based on their interests and Manitoba Education requirements:

- Access to a wide variety of courses offered in the Manitoba curriculum
- Specialized EAL (English as an Additional Language) courses and EAL support if needed
- Special programming in such areas as athletics, fine arts, technology, vocational and music

In addition to educational programming, the ISP program helps students get involved in the community, select extra-curricular activities and make available countless unforgettable Canadian experiences.



## International Student Program

The Canadian school year runs from September to June. The following programs are offered for international students:

| PROGRAM           | DESCRIPTION      | SCHEDULED DATES      | GRADES | DURATION  | APPLICATION DEADLINE            |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Long-Term</b>  | Full Year        | September - June     | 5-12   | 10 months | <b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>      |
|                   | Semester 1 Entry | September - January  | 5-12   | 5 months  | <b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>      |
|                   | Semester 2 Entry | February - June      | 5-12   | 5 months  | <b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Short-Term</b> | Fall Entry       | September - November | 5-8    | 3 months  | <b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>      |
|                   | Winter Entry     | January - March      | 5-8    | 3 months  | <b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>  |
|                   | Spring Entry     | April - June         | 5-8    | 3 months  | <b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>  |

*\*Students can study multiple years and graduate with a Canadian High School Diploma.*

### Long-Term Program

The Long-Term Program takes place over a single semester (September – January or February - June) or a full school year (September to June). Grades 5-12 international students are integrated into regular classes with local students. High school students (Grades 9-12) are able to gain credit for courses completed, and may also choose a program that leads to graduation with a Manitoba high school diploma. For those students requiring language assistance, our schools offer an English as an Additional Language program.

### Short-Term Program

The Short-Term Program is a three-month program designed to introduce Grades 5-8 international students to Canadian classrooms and to Canadian culture. Students are placed in grade-appropriate Canadian classrooms and study alongside Canadian students. Students receive English as an Additional Language support if required.







## Courses Available at Mountain View School Division Middle Schools (Grades 5-8)

The Middle Years program focuses on Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Physical Education/Health, with some options for Music/Band, Home Economics, Industrial Arts and French.

## Courses Available at Mountain View School Division High Schools (Grades 9-12)

**Academic courses** are available in the following areas:

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| English                                 | Music                               |
| Social Studies                          | School Band                         |
| Mathematics                             | Drama                               |
| Science                                 | Psychology                          |
| Physical Education                      | Law                                 |
| Outdoor Education                       | Business Education                  |
| French Language                         | Computer & Information Technologies |
| English as an Additional Language (EAL) | Aboriginal Education                |
| Fine Arts                               | Agriculture                         |
| Photography                             | Career Education                    |

**Vocational courses** vary from school-to-school, and are available in the following areas:

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Autobody                 | General Mechanics & Automotive |
| Carpentry                | Graphic Design                 |
| Culinary Arts            | Hairstyling                    |
| Electrical & Electronics | Welding                        |

## Assessment and Reporting

International students receive a division report card that provides parents and students with a summative report on credits completed and the level of achievement in each course. MVSD has three reporting periods for middle years students (fall, winter and end of year) and four reporting periods for high school students (two reports for each semester). Students in the Long-Term Program will receive an official transcript of completed credits.



### Graduation

Students can come to Mountain View School Division with the intention of graduating with a Manitoba High School diploma. International students graduating from high school in MVSD have the opportunity to continue their post-secondary studies in Canada or abroad.

To obtain a Manitoba high school diploma (English Program), international students must meet the following conditions:

1. Attend high school in Manitoba for a minimum of two semesters
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credits
  - a. The school principal will evaluate pre-existing Grades 9 to 12 course completions to determine whether Manitoba credit(s) may be granted and used towards graduation requirements.
  - b. The following five courses must be taken while attending Mountain View School Division:
    - English Language Arts 30S/E/M
    - English Language Arts 40S/E/M
    - Mathematics 40S/E/M
    - Physical Education/ Health Education 40F/E/M
    - History of Canada 30F/E/M
3. Participate in any provincial assessment required by Manitoba, written in English.



For more information on Education requirements in Manitoba visit the Manitoba Education website at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/).

### Extra-Curricular Activities/ Activities Outside of School

The International Student Program encourages and helps students get involved in extracurricular activities inside and outside the school. Students have the opportunity to get involved in athletics, drama, bands, clubs, and volunteering. These are great ways to get involved in the broader community and make relationships with Canadians. Extra-curricular options vary by school and community.







**Mountain View School Division has its own homestay program, which employs two homestay managers who carefully select trusted and respected families from our communities. The homestay managers work hard to make sure that each student enjoys their stay in their chosen home, through regular communication with the students and their homestay families. All homestay families undergo a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check, a homestay orientation and receive ongoing training and support.**

Each student is placed in a safe, friendly and positive home environment. They receive the benefits of interacting in English, receiving support from their homestay family and taking part in family outings. Homestay families provide three meals a day, a bedroom with storage, a place to study and access to telephone, internet and laundry facilities.







# ACTIVITIES

**In addition to school-based activities, the international student program facilitates monthly activities to enhance the students' Canadian experience. Each activity is fully chaperoned and all necessary equipment and instruction is provided. International students have an opportunity to participate in some of the following activities:**

- Ski or snowboard lessons
- Ice fishing
- Curling
- Wilderness hikes

- Ice skating
- Canoeing
- Visits to Riding Mountain National Park and Duck Mountain Provincial Park attractions
- Visits to cultural heritage sites
- Sleigh rides
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Archery
- Horse back Riding
- Mountain biking



Archery



Skiing



Ice fishing



Skating





Canoeing at Riding Mountain National Park



Snowtubing



Horseback riding



Ice fishing



Rock climbing



# 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
- Relaxed and safe lifestyle
- English as an Additional Language 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
- Support every step of the way

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit the Mountain View School Division International Student Program website at

[www.mvsd.ca/isp](http://www.mvsd.ca/isp)



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

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