



Study Manitoba School Divisions is a consortium of five school divisions in Southwestern Manitoba: Beautiful Plains, Fort La Bosse, Rolling River, Southwest Horizon and Turtle Mountain. We are a new program and we are in the beginning stages of building an International Student program in this area.

Our aim is to attract International Students to our area high schools to study along side Canadian students. This is a great benefit to the International Students as they become immersed in the English language and culture. Having International Students is also of great benefit to the Canadian students as International Students bring with them the experiences and cultures of countries from around the world.

Part of our International Student program will be matching students with Homestay families. Currently, we are looking for families who are interested in starting the application process. Students will come for one or two semesters and will become part of your family for the duration of their stay here. Homestay families are required to provide the student with their own bedroom which must have a window, bed, desk and other daily necessities such as linens, towels, etc. Homestay families are paid \$600.00 per month to offset the cost of extra groceries, outings and activities the student will be participating in. You do not need to have children the same age as incoming students to host a student.

At this point, we are starting the application process for families interested in hosting an International Student. We are hopeful that we will start receiving students in the fall of 2009. Our initial target countries will be Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Germany. If you are interested in becoming a Homestay family, please contact the Study Manitoba Office at the contact information listed below. We can not guarantee placement of a student with your family at this time, but we need to have prospective families in place so that we may move forward with recruiting the International Students.

If you are interested in starting an application or if you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Simon:

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Office hours are 8:30 – 12:00 Monday through Friday.

We thank you in advance for your interest in our International Student program. We look forward to building a strong program that will benefit both our Canadian students and student from abroad, but we need the help of families like yours to make the program work. Please consider opening your home to an International Student.