

Luzhou, China

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Fall 2019

A Unique Opportunity to Explore Global Citizenship

Public schools provide meaningful and engaging experiences that foster personal, social and academic growth and prepare students for a bright future. Today, more than ever before, schools must also assist students to appreciate global citizenship and an internal perspective in our increasingly connected world. Cultural enrichment experiences help to develop "citizens of the world," and the Louis Riel School Division's Chile Cultural Enrichment Program supports this goal. Cost for the program is for the flight and insurance only. Approximately \$1000.00.

The Participants

Students in Grades 10-12 from each of our high schools are being invited to apply to participate in a cultural enrichment exchange program with Luzhou High School in Luzhou China, that will take place in November 2019. Participants selected will have demonstrated leadership potential, a sound character, a passion for learning and enthusiasm for new experiences in their school and community. Selected students must be able to host a student from China in July 2019 as part of the exchange.

The School and Its Program

Luzhou High School is in Sichuan Province in south central China. The school and the school grounds cover over 180 hectares and the school has more than 7,700 students and almost 600 teachers. This exchange program is somewhat shorter than the others. Our students will spend two weeks in China and the students from China will spend two weeks with us in July 2019.

Students going to China will be staying in the dormitories at the school and will be accompanied by school division staff for the duration of the stay. Daily activities and excursions are planned including visiting the world famous Panda sanctuary in Cheng Du City.

Luzhou High School is a very highly ranked school in China and has many years of experience with exchange programs with the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Selected students will be asked to host a Chinese student for two weeks in July 2019.

Excursions to local sites, businesses, nearby communities and cultural attractions will complement their experience – students can learn about life in China and how the people have adapted to live in a geographically unique setting.

The Benefits

In addition to learning about the Chinese culture, our students will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation for ...

- International culture, traditions, languages and lifestyles
- International interdependence and cooperation
- The importance of diplomacy, its processes, protocols and benefits
- Canada's role in the global community
- Canada's cultural diversity and heritage

The Courses, Credits and Evaluation

This program is designed to enhance student's current educational experience; therefore, they will have the opportunity to earn a 0.5 high school credit during their time in China and their involvement in Winnipeg. This credit will be treated as "out-of-country" credit when students complete the exchange. Evaluation of their progress in the program will be at the discretion of the cultural enrichment facilitator who will submit formal written reports once the program is completed.

For a truly authentic writing experience, students will keep a blog and submit a journal at the end of their studies. They will be invited to share their experience through presentation to school groups, government agencies, service groups and local media after returning to Winnipeg.

The Application Process

Any student registered in Grades 10-12 in a Louis Riel School Division high school (must be a Canadian citizen) may apply. The application should be submitted to the school administration by **June 15, 2019**. **Applications will be available in the school office**.

An information meeting will be scheduled for all interested students and parents once we determine the number of applicants. In the meantime, if you have specific questions, please contact:

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<u>China - Cultural Enrichment Program Application</u>

Section One: Personal Information			
(Please use legal name as it would appear on a passport)			
Last NameGiv	ven Names		
High School Attending: (Please Check v)			
□ College Beliveau □ College Je	anne Sauvé □ Dakota □ Glenlawn		
□ J.H. Bruns □ Nels	on McIntyre		
K-8 Schools Attended:			
Date of Birth: Month Day	_Year Place of Birth		
Gender: Citizenship and/or Immigration Status:			
Address:	Postal Code		
Email:			
Telephone:	Cell (if applicable)		
Parent/Guardian Names and Contacts:			
Parent/Guardian:	Parent/Guardian:		
Name	Name		
Relationship	Relationship		
Phone (Day) Evening	Phone (Day) Evening		
Email:	Email		

Section Two: Selection Process

School Principals will nominate candidates to represent their schools from those which apply. To assist your principal in the selection process, please prepare a letter (or speak directly with the school principal) in which you tell the school administration about yourself. The letter should include information about each of the following:

- Your interests and hobbies
- Your experiences with leadership at school or in the community
- Other ways you are involved in your school and in your community
- Your experiences in getting along with others through group/team work
- Why you think you would be a good candidate for this opportunity
- Please note any health issues, including allergies, which might hinder your ability to fully participate in the program.

Section Three: References

Reference One:

Applicants are to provide the names of three people (other than family members) willing to provide references for you. At least two of these people should be teachers.

Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Reference Two:		
Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Reference Three:		
Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Principal's Signature	Date	