

# 2023 Fall Saskatchewan-Québec Student Exchange Program Description

The 2023-24 Saskatchewan-Québec (SK-QC) Student Exchange program has moved to a modified virtual format.

The SK-QC Student Exchange program is a reciprocal program where high school students from Saskatchewan are twinned with high school students from Québec. The program provides the opportunity for students to improve their French. The program will span a period of six weeks in the fall of 2023.

The program is available to Saskatchewan high school students who will be in Grade 10 or 11 during the exchange year and are currently studying the French language, whether it be in French Immersion, Core French, or Post-Intensive French.

**All communication/activities are to take place after school hours.** It is suggested that students be in contact with their twin at least 15-30 minutes twice a week. It is the responsibility of the students to decide on the day and time of their interactions and on the platform of their choice. Weekly themes are suggested to help with the flow of conversation between the twins and a group activity with a moderator takes place every second weekend on a Saturday for an hour.

## 1. Objectives of the Program

The program is designed to give the participating students an opportunity to:

- improve their knowledge of the French language and learn about the Québécois culture;
- experience personal growth in social skills and independence;
- develop intercultural awareness;
- offer fun activities during individual and group exchanges by proposing interesting themes (Ex. Let's get to know each other; Discover your twin's culture; Bon voyage!); and,
- encourage continued long-term exchanges beyond the program.

## 2. General Timeline of the Program

- October 10, 2023 – Deadline for the student to submit their completed applications.
- Mid October 2023 – Students are notified if they've been selected to participate.
- TBA – Mandatory orientation session for students and parents/guardians.
- October 30 – December 10, 2023 – Exchange occurs.

## 3. Participation

Students who satisfy the criteria may apply for participation provided that:

- the student is prepared to make a suitable commitment to the program; and,
- their parent or guardian provided their consent.

## 4. Criteria for the Selection of Students

Criteria for the selection of students includes:

- consent and approval from the parent or guardian;
- sincere interest and firm intention on the part of the student;
- personal qualities including:
  - Motivation;
  - maturity and sense of responsibility;
  - sense of humour; and,
  - adaptability and acceptance of cultural differences.

## 5. Deadline for Submission of Application

Completed student applications must be submitted online by **October 10, 2023**.

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## Information for Students and Parents

### 1. Information for Students

- 1.1 Participation in this program requires a major commitment from the beginning to the end of the exchange on the part of the student.
- 1.2 **Application does not ensure participation:** Not all applicants will be successfully matched. There will be a screening process, based on the criteria listed on pages one and two. It is very important the application form be accurately completed.
- 1.3 After a match is proposed, the Saskatchewan student is advised and provided information about the Québec student. They are then asked to accept or decline the match.
- 1.4 When the proposed match has been accepted by both sets of students, they will be notified.

### 2. Information for Parents

- 2.1 Participation in this program also requires a commitment from the beginning to the end of the exchange on behalf of the student.
- 2.2 It is essential that the family be receptive and willing to contribute to the success of the virtual exchange.