



# New Brunswick-Quebec Student Exchange Program

2026-2027

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to offer students who are currently in grades 9 and 10 the opportunity to apply for a two-month reciprocal exchange program with a Quebec student. Travel expenses for the student and a school district chaperone will be covered.

Additionally, a \$500 bursary will be given to selected participants to help cover additional costs incurred during the exchange program. This bursary will only be given to the selected participants following the completion of the exchange. There should be no additional school expenses in Quebec.

If a participating student insists on returning home before the end of the exchange period, for a reason unacceptable to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (i.e., home-sickness, inability to adapt) or is requested to do so by the department for a variety of reasons (e.g., use of alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants, or difficulty with the law), parents or guardians are responsible for the additional inter-provincial travel costs.

Students who complete the full exchange, may be eligible to apply to their school administration or guidance department to receive school French course credits.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

To be eligible to apply for this exchange program, students must:

- be currently in grades 9 and 10 and enrolled in either Post-Intensive French or French Immersion in one of the four anglophone school districts (participation occurs in grades 10 and 11);
- have good academic achievement and participate actively in the New Brunswick school system;
- be flexible and open to new experiences and a new culture;
- be motivated to participate in this type of learning activity;
- have parental, school and school district support; and
- be recommended by a French teacher at their school.

## WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE

The New Brunswick-Quebec Student Exchange Program is a reciprocal two-month exchange where francophone students from Quebec live with New Brunswick families in the fall and attend New Brunswick high schools. Later in the school year, students from New Brunswick live with Quebec families and attend Quebec high schools.

## HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply for this program by filling out the online application at the link below:

[APPLY NOW](#)

If selected, all family members over the age of 18 must apply for a criminal record check (for the vulnerable sector).

After reviewing the application, and if the student is selected to participate, a school district representative will arrange for an interview of both the student and the family.

Once the pairing has been accepted on both sides and everything has been approved, a \$200 refundable deposit will be required.



\*If the deposit is a barrier to participation, please reach out to Julie McAllister at the department.

## WHEN WILL PARTICIPATION HAPPEN

Quebec students will be hosted in New Brunswick at the beginning of October 2026. New Brunswick students will be going to Quebec at the beginning of February 2027.

## WHY PARTICIPATE

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

- improve their French;
- make new friends;
- learn about francophone culture;
- experience a new school system; and
- experience personal growth in areas such as social skills and independence.

Registration deadline:  
March 27, 2026

Questions or concerns?  
Please contact Julie.McAllister@gnb.ca.

