

Student Package



Medicine Hat Public School District **International Student Program**

Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada



EXPERIENCE: **LIVING**

in the dynamic, safe, friendly community of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

LEARNING

a diverse range of subjects, taught by student-focussed teachers

RELATIONSHIPS

that will last a lifetime and develop the whole person



visit us online www.sd76.ab.ca

LIVING

Why Study in Alberta, Canada?

As our world becomes more interconnected, understanding global environmental, social and economic issues becomes more relevant. Alberta is a leader in global dynamics across many cultures. Through our education initiatives, we can share knowledge and help develop a myriad of skills for our international students.

- Alberta ranks at the top in the world for student achievement.
- Alberta has one of the highest standards of living in the world.
- Alberta has wonderful recreational opportunities.
- Alberta has six universities and numerous colleges and technical schools.



Why choose Medicine Hat?

Frequently referred to as an “oasis on the prairies”, Medicine Hat is a vibrant city with all of today’s amenities and a rich historical past. It is recognized as Canada’s sunniest city with more recorded hours of sunshine than any other Canadian city. Natural gas, agriculture and light industry are the main economic base.

It is a community with low crime rates, low traffic levels and low pollution levels. Situated in the scenic South Saskatchewan River valley, the city has over 100 community parks connected by a network of scenic walking trails. Sports, arts, music and culture play key roles in making it a vibrant community.

The beautiful Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park is only 40 minutes away and offers the great outdoors... forests, fishing lakes and scenic views!

The splendor of the Rocky Mountains is only a four-hour drive to both Banff and Waterton Lakes National Parks. Many world-class sites including the Royal Tyrell Museum and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre can be explored as a day trip.



Medicine Hat is home to the “Saamis Teepee” which is the world’s tallest teepee!

lots to see and do!



One of six local golf courses



Enjoy canoeing!

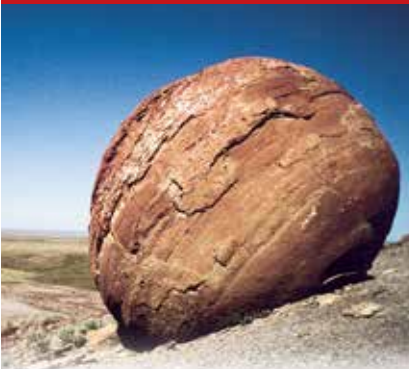


Medalta Clay Products

Quick Facts about Medicine Hat and area

- Three hours from Calgary by car or 50 minutes by air
- Population of about 65,000
- One of the safest cities in Canada
- Intermediate ski hill 40 minutes away and Banff National Park four hours away
- Numerous recreation/leisure facilities include: swimming pools; hockey/skating rinks; YM/YWCA; soccer and baseball fields; skateboard park; numerous tennis courts; 92 kilometres of bike and walking paths and much more
- Excellent public bus transportation system for easy access throughout the city
- Downtown Medicine Hat features "The Esplanade", a 700-seat performing arts centre, art gallery and museum; modern library; and unique city hall
- Medicine Hat is home to the "Saamis Teepee" and the Medicine Hat Clay Industries National Historic District
- Medicine Hat receives more hours of sunlight than any other city in Canada
- The average July temperature is 28°C
- The average December temperature is -2°C
- Low humidity makes both summer and winter temperatures more comfortable
- Winters are warmed by southwest winds known as Chinooks

Red Rock Coulee Natural Area



Get snowboarding!



Wildlife galore



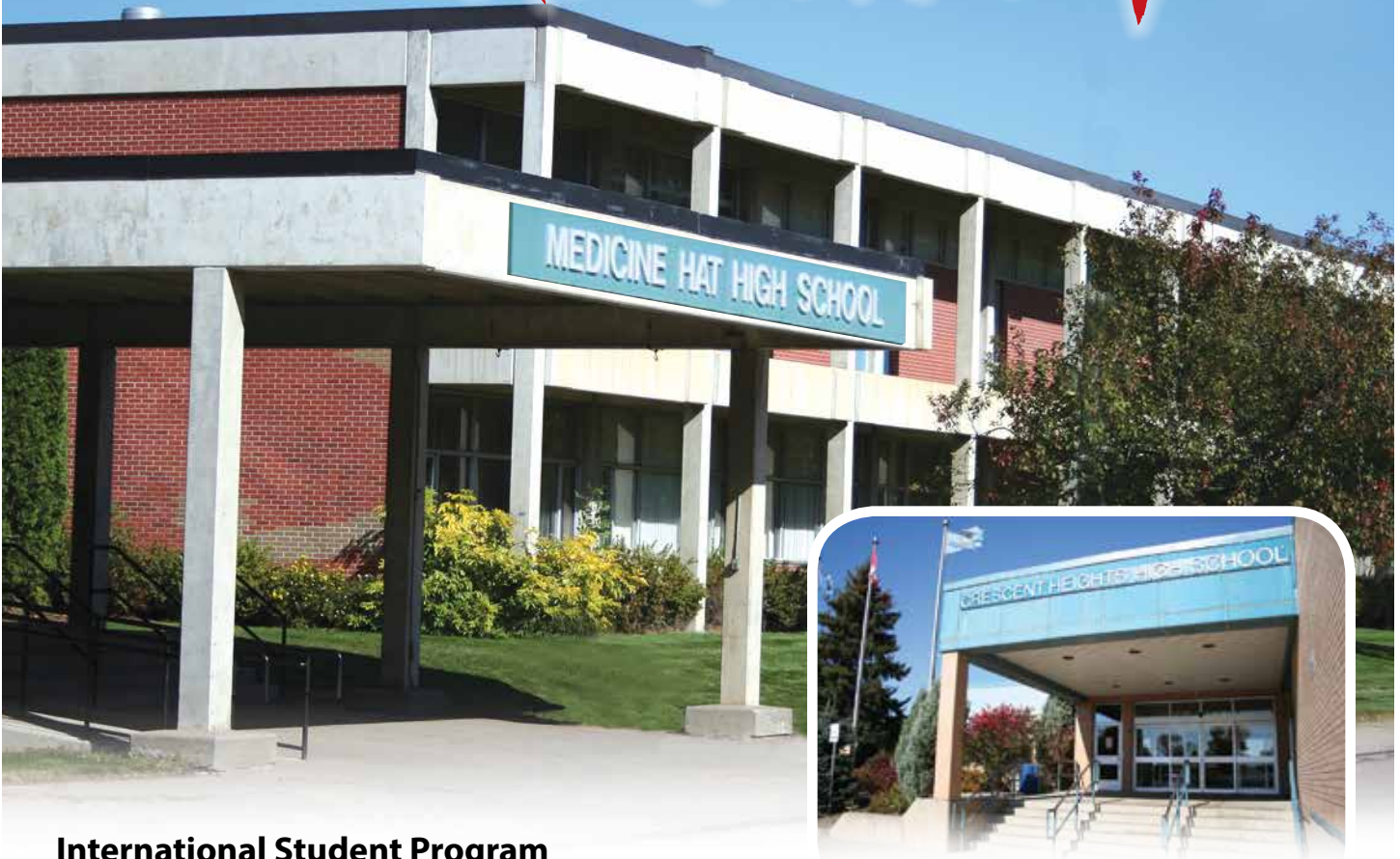
Homestay Program

The school district operates the Homestay Program, visits every home and maintains regular contact. The school district selects families who provide a safe and emotionally stable environment.

What to expect in the Homestay Program

- Reputable, carefully-selected families who live in Medicine Hat
- Comfortable, safe homestay homes with a private bedroom
- Meals provided by homestay family
- Easy access to public transportation
- Support and guidance for students from in-school counsellors
- Support of International Student Liason

LEARNING



International Student Program

The International Student Program at the Medicine Hat Public School District provides opportunities for motivated students from other countries to study regular academic subjects and receive intensive English language training. Medicine Hat Public School District programs prepare students for university or college studies, entrance into the workforce, or recreational and travel pursuits.

English As A Second Language

Students can access ESL classes both semesters if required. Students can receive individual assistance with their regular courses on a daily basis.

The Schools

Medicine Hat High School (MHHS) has 1,300 students in grades 9 through 12, and a staff of 70 teachers. MHHS provides excellence in academics with a state-of-the-art science centre, new physical education facilities and modern fine art facilities as well as numerous computer labs.

Crescent Heights High School (CHHS) provides a strong academic program from Grade 7 to Grade 12 for 1,300 students, and a staff of 70 teachers, within a recently-renovated building that includes a new theatre and fitness centre. Alexandra Middle School consists of grades 7 and 8 with 500 students and 40 teachers. The elementary schools in the city can accommodate younger students.

Post-Secondary School Access

- Medicine Hat College can be easily accessed after high school
- Medicine Hat College offers two-year diploma programs, three-year applied degrees and numerous four-year bachelor degree programs
- University transfer from Medicine Hat College is recognized by all six Alberta universities and most other Canadian universities as well



Helpful Websites: www.sd76.ab.ca www.mhc.ab.ca

learning options

Core Courses

- English
- Social Studies
- Advanced Placement Math
- Math
- Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physical Education
- CALM

Career & Technology Studies

- Business Foundations (basics of starting a business)
- Communication Tech (includes Claymation, Animation, Photography and Video Editing)
- Construction
- CSE/Robotics
- Fashion Studies
- Foods
- Information Processing
- IT Essentials
- Mechanics/Welding
- Anatomy

Second Languages

- French
- Spanish
- Japanese

Other Courses

- English As A Second Language
- Athletic Performance
- Individual Sports & Athletic Activities

Fine Arts

- Art
- Drama
- Instrumental Music
- Choral Music
- Guitar/General Music



Many of our International Students continue their studies at Medicine Hat College.



RELATIONSHIPS

*“Some people
come into our lives
and quickly go.
Some stay for a while,
leave footprints
on our hearts,
and we are never,
ever the same.”*

-- Flavia Weedn



Building relationships

We believe that students receive the best possible education when courses are supplemented with co-curricular activities.

We offer

- Athletic programs and teams
- Performing Arts: drama/music/art
- International Student Club
- Web Design Club
- Yearbook
- Science Fair
- ...and much more!



What students say!



"It was difficult to adapt when I first arrived but soon I made new Canadian friends and friends from other countries. I love this beautiful Canada. You should join us here at Medicine Hat High School."

— Dong Min (Korea)



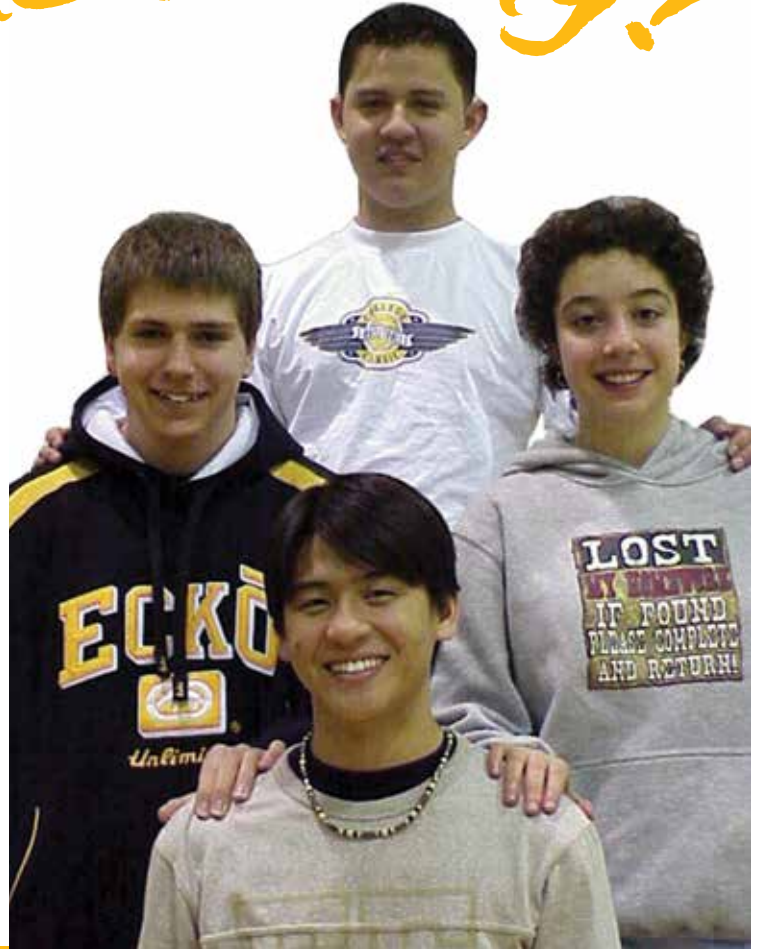
"I have had a wonderful time here in Medicine Hat. I enjoy learning a new language, meeting new friends, and exploring a new culture and new food, and experiencing a variety of weather."

— Natt (Thailand)



"I came to Medicine Hat High School to learn English and I have. I have met many friends from Canada and around the world. There are a lot of good teachers who help me whenever I need it. I am glad to study here."

— Lynn (Taiwan)



"I have enjoyed it a lot. I made new friends and saw new places. I loved the school and all classes. I loved the idea of picking classes."

— Suzana (Brazil)



"I LOVED IT SO MUCH!!! I had the best time ever here in Medicine Hat. The people in the Hat are amazing and incredibly friendly. My experiences in school and my classes were just great, I had so much fun with all my classmates."

— Melanie (Germany)



"My experience here has been amazing. The people are nice and they make me feel like I am home. The school is great. I adapted really fast, all the students are helpful and nice."

— Andrea (Mexico)



"I met nice people and have made good friendships here. I will take my friends in my heart always."

— Marina (Brazil)



People you'll meet...



"Welcome to Medicine Hat!

We want you to have one of the most memorable experiences of a lifetime. I will be here to help you enjoy your time with us."

Scott Howes

- International Student Liason
- Vice-Principal, Medicine Hat High School



Nikki Johansen

- International Club Leader



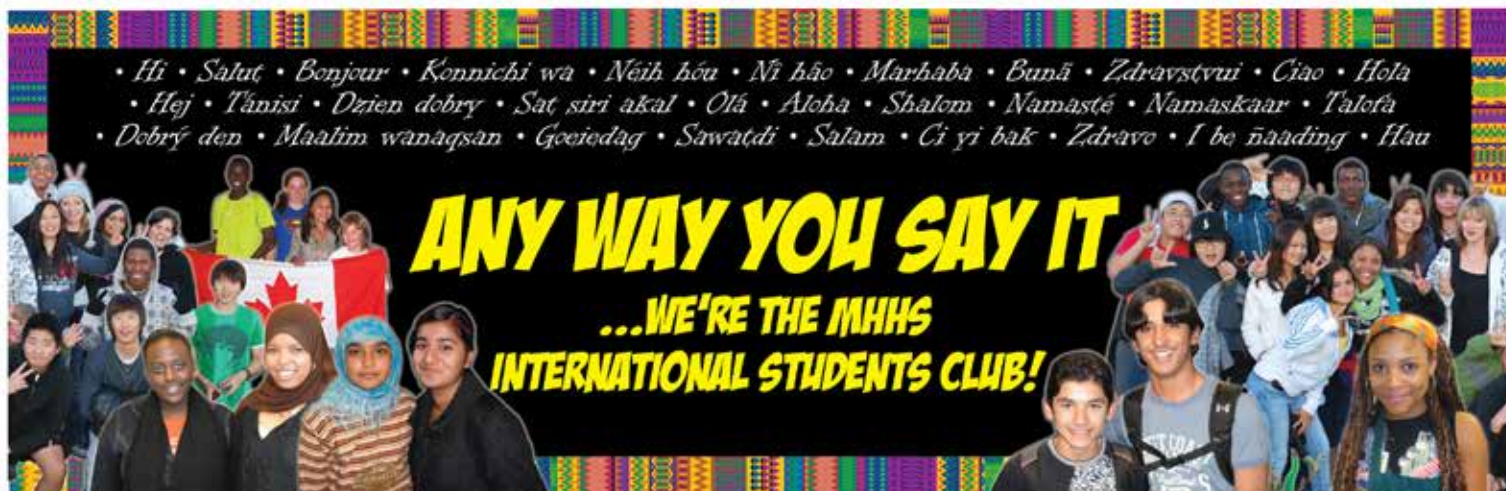
Allan Thompson

- International Club Leader

The International Club

offers International students, immigrant students and Canadian students alike the opportunity to come together to enjoy activities and events throughout the community and surrounding area.

Nikki and Allan urge you to join in and be part of our International Club!



APPLICATION FORM

601-1st Avenue S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 4Y7 Canada

Fax: 403.529.5339 Phone: 403.528.6701 www.sd76.ab.ca

Date of Application _____ 20 _____

School start month requested: (check one) September _____ February _____ In what year: 20 _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Surname _____ First Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Male _____ Female _____ First language at home _____

Mailing Address in Home Country: NUMBER & STREET _____

CITY _____ COUNTRY _____ CODE _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____ Fax Number _____

Emergency Contact in Home Country _____

Telephone Number(s) _____ Fax Number _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Grade in which currently enrolled _____ For which grade are you applying? _____

Name of last school attended in home country _____ City _____

Name of last school attended in Canada _____ City _____

Do you plan to continue your education to college/university level? _____ If yes, where? _____

English as a Second Language Services required: Yes _____ No _____

List any physical handicaps the school should be aware of: _____

NOTE: PLACEMENT IN THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE. THE FINAL DECISION ON GRADE PLACEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL EVALUATION TEAM.**ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION:** It is mandatory regulation that any International Student under the age of 19 years must live with a "responsible adult" who is 25 years of age or older. The School District can arrange safe homestay placements for students studying in the Medicine Hat Public School District. Please indicate one of the following:

_____ I would like homestay arrangements to be made by the homestay coordinator.

Please send me the information and application for the homestay program.

_____ My child will be living with the following person(s) who is over the age of 25:

Surname _____ First Name _____ Relationship _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Work Telephone _____ Home Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Fax _____

PLEASE SUBMIT BY MAIL TO: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Medicine Hat Public School District, 601-1st Avenue SW, Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 4Y7

OR FAX TO: (403) 529-5339**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Received _____

Principal's evaluation (strengths/weaknesses _____

Accepted _____ Not Accepted _____ Principal's Signature _____

PHOTO
(if possible)**PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE INCLUDED:**

- APPLICATION FORM
- \$200 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE
- TRANSCRIPT CERTIFIED TRUE
- PHOTO
- ENGLISH TEST RESULTS (IF APPLICABLE)
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM CURRENT TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL

HOMESTAY APPLICATION**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: _____

Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Male _____ Female _____ Height _____ cm Weight _____ kg

Address: (HOMEADDRESS) _____

_____ POSTAL CODE _____

(STREET ADDRESS) _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

DATE & TIME OF ARRIVAL IN CANADA _____

FLIGHT NUMBER _____ LENGTH OF STAY IN CANADA _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	OCCUPATION

Student Character: Outgoing _____ Studious _____ Quiet _____ Energetic _____ Independent _____ Reserved _____ Cheerful _____ Sociable _____

Adaptable _____ Considerate _____ Other _____

Dislikes: Food _____ Animal _____

Other _____

Health: (please specify) Allergies _____

Are you currently under a doctor's care _____ Yes _____ No _____ Are you a Smoker _____ Non-Smoker _____

Any chronic conditions (ie. asthma) _____

Special medication being taken _____

Preferred Characteristics of Homestay Family: No Children _____ Young Children _____ Same-Age Children _____ Retired Couple _____

Pets _____ No Pets _____ No preference _____ Another International Student _____

Recreation/Hobbies: Sports _____

Listening to music _____ Playing a musical instrument _____

Games _____

Other Interests (ie. Reading) _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____

Relationship _____ Telephone Number(s) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Address _____

Remarks: _____

I understand a host family will be selected from those available based on information which I have provided and there is no guarantee that all of my personal preferences will be met.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____

WE WELCOME YOU!



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