




North Vancouver School District Québec Trip 2025

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

OCTOBER 9TH, 2024



North Vancouver
School District
student leadership council



We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tseil Waututh Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory, and appreciate the privilege of working together toward strong futures for Indigenous children and all children. We are committed to doing our part in the journey to truth and reconciliation.

Traditional Acknowledgement

Introductions



Tracy Langer – District French Facilitator

Greg Hockley– District Principal, Curriculum and Assessment

This meeting will cover:



- Purpose of the trip
- Who can participate?
- Trip Dates
- Highlights
- Safety and Security
- Mobile Phones
- Travel Insurance
- Estimated Budget
- How to apply
- Questions

Purpose of the Trip



To improve aural and oral French language skills in an authentic French environment.

To deepen students' **understanding and appreciation** of French Canadian history and culture.

To **build social connections** with other French Immersion students.

Who can participate in the 2023 Québec Trip?

Grade 8 NVSD French Immersion students who:

- are motivated to improve their French communication skills;
- are curious and interested in French Canadian culture;
- are willing to take on new challenges and experiences.



Québec Trip Dates



May 25th
May 31st,
2025



Accommodations



Auberge du Mont in Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier



Accommodations



Outdoor School Setting



Dorm Style Rooms



Meals In Cafeteria

Supervision

- NVSD teacher chaperones
- Auberge group leaders



Safety and Security



- School District and Auberge du Mont employees will **supervise**
- Students will spend most of the week in large groups (**Direct Supervision**)
- Students will also be permitted to travel in small groups or partners for brief periods of time (**Indirect supervision with frequent check-ins**)
- Students are expected to listen, be cooperative and always respectful with all group chaperones
- Behavioural expectations will be discussed in detail with participating students

Historical/Cultural

- Vieux Québec
- Tour Martello



Historical/Cultural Activities



Musée de la Civilisation



École du cirque



Cabane à sucre



Basilique St-Anne



Chutes Montmorency



Dress for the weather!



Cell Phones

Students will be required to store their cell with chaperones for parts of each day and overnight.

The purpose is to allow for students to be fully immersed in language learning opportunity and to ensure adequate rest each evening.



Itinerary and Associated Risks



- Group plane and bus travel
- Outdoor activities: hiking, snowshoeing, forestry survival skills, orienteering, water sports
- Walking trips (groups, partners): Old Quebec, shopping, etc.
- Circus School (acrobatic/gymnastic equipment)

Estimated Costs and Payment Schedule



- Approximately \$3,100/student
- Price includes flights, accommodations, chaperones (trip costs + TOC costs), field trips, entrance to all activities, insurance and most meals



Group Travel



- District Québec trip based on group travel discounts
- Students will not be permitted to book flights independently using air miles, employee discounts or other arrangements
- Students are expected to participate in all aspects of the itinerary from departure to return flights
- No individual travel arrangements or personal excursions away from the group

What costs are not covered?

- Meals en route during travel days (3 to 4 meals anticipated)



- Spending money (souvenirs, etc.)



- Additional student travel/medical/accidental insurance



- Application/Registration form, Informed Consent Approval and Medical Form will be accepted between October 10th and October 18th (until 3:30pm)
- Previous two trips required a lottery (as we had more applicants than we could accommodate)
- Drop off all completed packages with all forms here at ESC Reception on the 2nd floor. Attn: Tracy Langer

Important Dates



October 9 th , 2024	Family Information Meeting.
October 18 th , 2024	Informed Consent Approval Form, Student Medical Form, Application/Registration Form due to the Education Services Centre (2 nd floor, reception desk, 2121 Lonsdale Ave) by 3:30pm. Applications received after this time will not be included in the lottery and names will be added to the waitlist in order received.
Week of October 21 st , 2024	Families will be informed if their child has been selected for the District Quebec Trip.
October 30 th , 2024	Payment \$1500 due via School Cash Online.
December 1 st , 2024	Balance of payment due (approximately \$1600) via School Cash Online.
February 2025	Meeting with students and chaperones 3:45 – 4:45pm.
April 2025	Meeting with students and chaperones 3:45 – 4:45pm.
May 14 th 2025 at 6:00pm	Mandatory Student and Parent/guardian meeting 6:00pm.
May 25 th 2025	Departure to Quebec.
May 31 st 2025	Return to Vancouver.

Testimonies from 2023's Quebec Trip

“My daughter was on the Quebec Exchange last week and I just wanted to reach out to you and everyone involved to thank you for organizing and providing this incredible experience for the students. ”

“I honestly can not imagine taking all those teens across the country. Your energy and patience is incredible. My daughter had such a wonderful time! She is full of stories, adventures, and great memories. ”

Questions?



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