

## **Blyth Academy – Integration of Qatari Students Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

To ensure that Qatari students feel welcomed, safe, and included, Blyth Academy is committed to providing an inclusive environment that celebrates Qatari national identity, culture, and heritage.

### **2. Policy Statement**

Blyth Academy will ensure that Qatari students are fully integrated into the school community and that Qatari culture and traditions are actively promoted and upheld across the school. This commitment is reflected through daily practices, annual events, curriculum activities, and community engagement opportunities.

### **3. Procedures**

#### **A. Promoting National Identity**

- The Qatar national flag is displayed on the school roof and in the main entrance hall.
- The Qatar national anthem is played daily at 7:25 a.m. and sung at key school events including:
  - Celebration of Peace Assembly
  - Qatar National Day
  - Winter and Spring Concerts
  - Graduation Ceremony

#### **B. Cultural Dress and Respect**

- Qatari students wear the school uniform daily but may wear traditional Qatari dress (thobe/abaya) on special occasions such as:
  - Qatar National Day
  - Multi-Cultural Day
  - Casual Dress Days
  - Other special cultural events as announced

#### **C. Religious and Cultural Practices**

- All Muslim students are permitted to pray during lunch break (11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) in designated prayer rooms in Blocks A and B.

#### **D. Activities Supporting Qatari Heritage**

Blyth Academy incorporates cultural, environmental, and educational experiences that promote Qatari traditions and pride, including:

- Qatar National Day and Culturama celebrations
- Field trips to national landmarks and heritage sites such as:
  - Katara Dhow Festival
  - Mangroves and Environmental Excursions

- Museum of Islamic Art (MIA)
- Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum
- Souq Waqif
- Desert Camping Trips (Grades 7–12)
- Cross-curricular projects in Social Studies and Art comparing Canadian and Qatari history and culture.

#### **E. National Competitions and Programs**

Qatari identity and talent are promoted through participation in national and international events such as:

- Quran and Hadeeth Competitions
- National Sports Day Activities and Team Sports (Soccer, Handball, etc.)
- Qatar Foundation Scientific Research Competition and National Robotics Olympiad
- Qatar Museums Art Exhibitions, Colors Event, and CNA-Q Art Showcases
- Leadership and Ambassador Programs at MIA, Georgetown University, and other national institutions.

#### **F. Parent and Community Involvement**

Parents are encouraged to participate in cultural events including:

- Culturama (sharing Qatari food and traditions)
- Career Fair and School Assemblies (National Day, Celebration of Peace, Winter Concert)
- School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.

#### **G. Collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE)**

Blyth Academy collaborates with MOEHE and the Evaluation Authority Department in:

- PISA participation and workshops
- World Education Summit involvement
- Model United Nations (MUN) conferences at Georgetown University.

#### **4. Conclusion**

Blyth Academy is proud to celebrate Qatari culture and integrate national identity into all aspects of school life. Through intentional programming, respectful inclusion, and community engagement, the school ensures every Qatari student feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.