



# School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM**

## **HOMESTAY REQUIREMENTS**

**We are committed to doing everything possible to ensure a positive homestay experience for each visiting student and for each homestay.**

### **During the application process, we require:**

- Each adult member of a homestay family submit a criminal record check
- That at least one adult member of a homestay family attend an orientation/information session each year.
- All family members be present during the homestay coordinators interview and inspection of the home. All family members must be in agreement regarding the family commitment to host an international student

### **Homestay settings must offer students:**

- A clean and well organized living environment
- A private bedroom - including a comfortable bed, dresser, study table, lamp and window
- Easily accessible bathroom and laundry facilities

### **Homestay parents must offer students:**

- A safe, nurturing, supportive home environment
- 3 substantial meals a day and a reasonable amount of nutritious snacks
- Penticton airport pick up upon arrival and drop off at departure
- Opportunities to participate in family activities
- Support for student interest in cultural, athletic and community activities
- The guidance and support reasonable to expect of adults who are assuming responsibility for the care of a young person who is far from their own family

### **Guiding Principles for all Homestays:**

1. Treat the student as you would your own child
2. Treat the student as you would want your child to be treated if s/he were staying with a homestay family in a different country.