



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

Date: _____

Name of Homestay Family: _____

Address of Homestay: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM HOST FAMILY AGREEMENT

Thank you for participating as a Host Family for the School District's International Student Program. This letter sets out the terms and conditions to which you are agreeing and the financial arrangements for your participation as a Host Family.

Compliance with Provincial Guidelines

1. You agree that at all times you will comply with Provincial guidelines for K-12 International Student Homestays. By signing and returning this letter, you acknowledge that you have received and reviewed them and that you agree to follow them.

Student Use of House and Amenities

2. Students will be welcomed into the home with the spirit that they are new members of the Host Family. They will be invited to partake in family outings and other activities. They must be provided with reasonable use of the house and amenities. The term "reasonable" means that the visiting Student should enjoy the same privileges and opportunities enjoyed by the Host Family's own children of similar age. In short, they will be treated like a member of the extended family. Specifically,
 - The Student is not responsible for purchasing their own linens, blankets, towels, etc. for use while at the homestay.
 - The use of family toiletry articles, such as soap, toilet paper etc., is open to the Student, but, if they have special requests or needs in this area, they must pay for these themselves.
 - The Student is responsible for all of their own mobile phone costs. Host Parents are not to include students in their family packages or sign contracts for students.

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- The use of the family television, internet, stereo and other such household items is under the control of the Host Parents. If it should become apparent that the Student should be spending more time on study (as reflected in school marks, comments), use of these items may be restricted by the Host Parents.
 - The Student will be provided basic Internet access at no cost, subject to reasonable limits on data usage.
 - The Student will be provided with a key to the house (and to their bedroom, if a lock is installed).
 - The Student will have access to laundry facilities.
 - The Student understands that s/he is ultimately responsible for all of her/his own personal entertainment costs and personal supplies, including school stationary supplies.
3. The Host Family will provide a clean, orderly, pleasant and safe living environment for the Student. The Student must have a private bedroom with natural sunlight. The bedroom should also have a desk, chair, dresser, closet, night table, lamp, and bed. The bedroom should not be used for any other purpose, such as storage or a guest room. The Host Family will respect the privacy of the student.
 4. The Student will have access to a private or shared bathroom that is clean and hygienic with adequate fixtures that are in good repair.
 5. The Host Family will provide the Student with written house rules.
 6. The primary language spoken in the Host Family home will be English <UNLESS BILINGUAL SCHOOLING>.
 7. The Host Family is not responsible for housing the Student's visiting family members (if any) during the course of the year unless otherwise agreed. The Student will not invite visitors/friends into the home to visit or study unless given specific permission to do so by Host Family. The Student will never have visitors/friends stay overnight in their bedroom or elsewhere without prior permission from the Host Family.
 8. The Host Parents may expect the Student to share the same responsibilities to the Host Parents and to the general household as those held by the family's own children of similar age.
 9. The Host Parents will communicate promptly with the District Homestay Coordinator in the event of any concerns with respect to the conduct or wellbeing of the Student arise.

Guidance and Supervision

10. The Host Family agrees to provide guidance and supervision to the Student consistent with that which would be provided by a careful and prudent parent.

Limit on Number of International Students

11. The Host Family agrees that they will not accommodate any more than two International Students (whether enrolled in the School District or elsewhere) at any time and will not simultaneously accommodate an adult international student with a minor international student.

Airport Pick-up and Drop-off

12. The Host Family is responsible to meet and greet their student(s) when they arrive at the Penticton Airport and to transport them to their new home. The Host Family is also responsible to transport their student(s) to the Penticton Airport at the end of their stay. If a student is arriving or departing at the Kelowna Airport and the host family is willing and able to transport the student to/from the airport, the host family will be compensated by the ISP \$50 per trip / per student. If the host family is not able to pick up or drop off the student at the Kelowna airport, the International Program will arrange transportation of the student.

Meals

13. The Host Family will provide a variety of nutritional, well-balanced meals on a three-meal per day basis and sensible snacks. Junk food and dietary supplements are not included within the contractual agreement. Allergenic and diet-sensitive products such as dietary supplements, vitamins, lactose-intolerant or diabetic replacement foods are the responsibility of the Student to purchase.

Termination of Homestay

14. Homestay agreements can be terminated without further compensation at any time by the School District if this agreement is breached or, in the opinion of the District, the Homestay environment is for any reason no longer suitable. If a student leaves your home and you have received any monthly compensation in advance, you are required to reimburse the School District for the amount you were paid in excess of the calculated nightly rate (see item 19)
15. The Host Family cannot remove the Student from the home prior to the expiry of the agreed term of the Homestay without the agreement of the School District's Homestay Coordinator. The Host Family will contact the Homestay Coordinator if the Student is absent from the home unexpectedly, if the Student is missing school without proper cause, or if the Student is behaving in a manner non-compliant with the values and expectations of the Host Family home.

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16. Students may be transferred between homes at any time at the discretion of the School District.

Inspections

17. The Host Family agrees that the premises will be open to inspection during the application process, as well as on demand with 24 hours' notice, or, in the case of emergency, immediately. It is expected that the premises will be inspected at least once per year.

Financial Arrangements

18. Due to the special nature of the Student/Host Family relationship, and because the philosophy of the Homestay Program is that the Students are to enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of being a "member of the family", the Student will not be charged a separate fee by families in the form of a security or damage deposit, nor any similar fee.
19. With respect to the Homestay fee, the payment terms are as follows;
- The monthly compensation rate for hosting a student is \$800 for a full month, regardless of the number of days in the month.
 - Method of Payment - Direct Deposit payments will be made on the Tuesday following the second Friday of the month.
 - Partial Months - If the student is in your home for less than the full month, the monthly amount will be pro-rated $1/30^{\text{th}}$ for each night the student is in the home ($1/30^{\text{th}}$ of \$800 = \$26.67 per night).
 - For example, if a student is leaving after the first semester and the last night they are in your home is January 26th, your monthly compensation will be $26 \times 26.67 = \$693.42$
 - The exception to this rule will be for the month of February (28 days). For the month of February, $1/30^{\text{th}}$ of the monthly compensation will be deducted for each night the student is not in your home. For example, if a student arrives for the second semester on February 4th, 3 nights will be deducted ($3 \times 26.67 = \$80.01$). The monthly payment in this case would be: $\$800 - 80.01 = \719.99 . This exception has been made with the intention that the host family will not be penalized for the short month.
 - Early Arrival – If a student arrives before the 1st of the month, the host family will be compensated $1/30^{\text{th}}$ of a month's compensation for every additional night the student is under your care.
 - For example, if a student arrives on August 28th, the student will be in the home for 3 nights in August. The Host Family will be compensated $3 \times \$26.67 = \80.01 for these extra nights.
20. Respite – If you require your student to be placed in an approved respite homestay, payments will be made directly between the homestay family and the respite family. The daily rate of $1/30^{\text{th}}$ of a month's compensation should be used. $1/30^{\text{th}}$ of \$800 = \$26.67 per night. Homestay Coordinators must be notified in advance

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21. Late Departure - If a Student remains in the Homestay during a non-academic period other than Winter Break or Spring Break and is not attending or participating in a School District program, the payment for the Homestay during that period shall be as established directly between the Student and the Host Family.
22. Host Families may hold students responsible for any outstanding bills, expenses or damages to the home or amenities, which are directly attributable to the Student, including bills or expenses that come to the family following the Student's departure from the home stay. The School District's International Student Program will facilitate communication and mediation with the natural parents when necessary.
23. Students and Host Families may not borrow money from, nor lend money to, each other. Financial transactions between Students and Host Families are limited to the Students' paying the additional home stay fee to the Host Parent(s) if the Student makes arrangements to extend their stay into the summer months. (see item 21)
24. Host Families must carry full personal liability insurance of not less than 2 million dollars and must make available a copy of the insurance policy/certificate upon request.

Criminal Record Checks

25. The Host Family will provide criminal record checks to the School District for all individuals over the age of 18 living in the home at least once every three years as requested by the School District and will immediately report to the School District if any individual in the home is charged with a criminal offence.

Liability Exclusions

26. The Host Family understands that the School District does not guarantee the quality of the relationship between the Student and the Host Family or any other relationship. The Host Family assumes any and all risks related to their participation in this program and agree to release and hold harmless the Board of Education of School District No. 67, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims for any injury, loss or damage, including injury, loss or damage caused by their negligent or intentional acts.
27. The Host Family acknowledges that in their role as Host Parents they are not acting as employees of the School District.

Forum for Dispute Resolution

28. The Host Family agrees that any dispute arising under the interpretation, application or performance of this agreement or in any way arising out of their participation in the School District's International Programs will be resolved in a British Columbia Court and they agree that they will not bring proceedings in any other court or jurisdiction and irrevocably attorn to the jurisdiction of British Columbia courts.

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Signing of Agreement

I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and the International Program's policies and procedures.

Printed Name of Host Parent

Signature of Host Parent

Date

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