



Host Parent Agreement

2019-2020

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. A copy of the current guidelines is in the Host Parent Handbook. By signing and returning this letter, you acknowledge that you have received and reviewed them and that you agree to follow them.

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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.
- The student is responsible for all of their own mobile phone costs.
- 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 in consultation with the Homestay Coordinator.
- 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.
- The student will have access to laundry facilities.
- The student understands that they are ultimately responsible for all of their own personal entertainment costs and personal supplies, including school stationary supplies.

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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 light, a desk, chair, dresser, closet, night table, lamp, and bed.
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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.
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5. The Host Family will provide the student with written house rules.
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6. The primary language spoken in the Host Family home will be English.
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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 and Homestay Coordinator.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.

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Meals

12. The Host Family will provide a variety of nutritional, well-balanced snacks and meals on a three-meal per day basis. 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. Students will purchase their own specialty items for school programs and trips. Students should have access to fruit and snacks normally provided by the household.

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Termination of Homestay

13. 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.

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

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Inspections

16. The Host Family agrees that their premises will be open to inspection on demand on 24 hours' notice, or, in the case of emergency, immediately. It is expected that the premises will be inspected at least once per year by the Homestay Coordinator.

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Financial Arrangements

17. Because of 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.

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18. With respect to the Homestay fee, School District 72 will reimburse Host Parents at the end of each month.

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19. Host Families may hold students responsible for any outstanding bills or expenses. Any damage to the home or amenities that are directly attributable to the student should be reported immediately to International Student Program Coordinator and Homestay Coordinator.

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20. 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, then the payment for the Homestay during that period shall be as established directly between the student and the Host Family.

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21. Students and Host Families may not borrow money from, nor lend money to, each other.

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22. Host Families must carry full personal liability insurance of not less than 2 million dollars. This is standard in most home insurance policies.

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Criminal Record Checks

23. The Host Family will provide criminal record checks to the School District for all individuals over the age of 18 regularly 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.

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Liability Exclusions

24. The Host Family understands that School District 72 does not guarantee the quality of the relationship between the student and the Host Family or any other relationship.

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25. The Host Family acknowledges that they are not employees of the School District.

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Forum for Dispute Resolution

26. 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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_____ Host Parent Initial. I/We have discussed our house insurance policy with our insurance provider to ensure we have the appropriate coverage.