



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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International Education Program **Participation Guidelines for School Year 2008/2009** **Students – Host Families**

School District No. 48 (Sea To Sky) invites International Students into District Schools to encourage intercultural and international understanding. The Homestay Program is organized to provide international students with the security of a family, a cultural education in a home setting and the best possible environment to learn English. The homestay family also benefits from the international experience at home.

1. With few exceptions, all international students are placed with a homestay family.
2. All homestay families should advise their Homeowner Insurance Companies that they will be taking in a boarder for the homestay period.
3. The Host parents provide the international student with a home away from home in a supervised setting. They are not landlords. The student will be treated as a member of the family and will be expected to conform to the normal rules and routines of family life. This will include keeping their room clean and tidy and may include helping with household chores.
4. Host parents will provide a separate bedroom, bedding, closet, desk and study lamp. The international student has access to the remainder of the house, including laundry facilities.
5. The international student is provided with three wholesome Canadian meals each day. In some cases the international student may be expected to prepare his/her own breakfast or lunch but all the groceries are provided by the Host parents. Students should not prepare any food after 10:00 p.m.
6. International students are expected to pay for their own toiletries and bus fares. If the international students are invited to participate in family holidays and/or travel where costs are incurred, they are expected to assist bearing the costs. When international students choose not to participate in the activity, they must accept alternative arrangements made by the Host parents.
7. Room and board is the major monthly expense incurred by the international students. Other international student expenses may include clothing, medicine and entertainment.
8. International students should use their own telephone calling card or their own cell. Where possible, they are encouraged to bring or purchase their own laptop. International students are discouraged from using the phone after 10:00 p.m. except for emergency reasons. International students should not spend long periods of time on the phone, as this interferes with necessary study time and opportunities to interact with the Host family.

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9. Curfews will be the same as for family members or other local children of the same age. It is recommended that students be home by 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and by midnight on weekends. International students are expected to be in bed before 12:00 a.m. because adequate rest is necessary for success in school. If international students require a ride home and it is inconvenient for the Host family to provide the ride, then the international students should take a taxi or bus.
10. International students should complete all homework assignments and should be expected to spend a reasonable amount of time per day doing homework.
11. International students are strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities at school and in the community. A regular program of physical fitness is recommended.
12. Overnight stays outside of the Host family home but within the local community are subject to the prior approval of the Host family. Out of town travel, which should be very infrequent, is subject to the approval of both the Host family and the international student's parents. The Host family must have the name, address and phone number of the person(s) the international student will be staying with. International students may NOT stay overnight outside of the Host family home without adult supervision.
13. Students (with or without adult supervision or natural parent permission) may NOT travel outside of Canada during the course of the school year, except to return to their home country.
14. Host parents are not employees of the District but they act "*in loco parentis*" (in place of the student's parents) and as such are responsible for providing or ensuring adult supervision for the international student during non-school hours.
15. The Manager (International Education) of the District will sign a letter of Custodianship for all international students under the age of 19 years who are in District without a parent or parents or a legal guardian.
16. Students who are 16 and under will not be left unattended overnight. Adult supervision will be arranged for the international student if the Host family will be away.
17. International students are expected to attend all classes on every school day, unless too ill to attend, in which case the international student or Host parents must notify the school to ensure an Excused Absence. Lengthy absences will seriously affect the international student's ability to pass courses and, ultimately, to graduate. Classroom behaviour and academic performance must be exemplary.
18. The use of alcohol and drugs is prohibited and may result in the international student being sent home at the parent's expense with no refund. In Canada it is illegal for people under 19 to purchase cigarettes and illegal for people under 19 to purchase and consume alcohol.
19. International students who are involved in sexual activity will have their parents and the Homestay Services Provider notified immediately and may be sent home without a refund. Further, no international student is allowed to have another student of the opposite sex in their bedroom without the permission of the Host parents and must conform to the rules of the Host parents e.g. leave the bedroom door open.
20. Immigration Canada does not permit high school students holding a study permit to hold jobs in Canada.
21. There is a Municipal bus system and the Host parents will provide occasional rides for the student. A vehicle is not required. Students are not permitted to drive homestay parents' cars or rent cars.

22. Hitch-hiking is not permitted.
23. If the international student or Host parents are not happy with the homestay arrangement, they are to inform the Homestay Services Provider.
24. All international students' activities must be pre-approved by the Host parents and/or the school. International students must always advise their Host parents or school officials of their whereabouts and when they will return to the Host family home.
25. Homestay fees
 - a. Homestay fees effective September 01, 2008 – Squamish \$800/month, Whistler \$900/month, and Pemberton \$800/month.
 - b. International students pay the fee directly to the homestay family. It is due on the first of the month.
 - c. Airport pick-up and drop-off. The School District Manager – International Education will ensure that the Homestay Services Provider arranges transportation for the international student between the airport and the Host family home. A fee is charged for this service: \$75 one way to/from Squamish; \$150 one way to/from Whistler and Pemberton.
 - d. Leaving before the month ends. If an international student who has paid the monthly fee requests leaving a homestay prior to the completion of the month – for any reason except on compassionate grounds – there will be no refund for the remainder of the month.
 - e. If the student is moved due to a request by the Host family, the Host family will refund based on a pro rated basis by the number of days left in the month.

Please indicate that you have read, understood and are in full agreement with the Participation Guidelines by signing there under.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Print Father Name

Father Signature

Print Mother Name

Mother Signature

Print Agent Name

Agent Signature

Print Homestay Name

Homestay Signature

Print Homestay Name

Homestay Signature