

Participation Expectations Students – Host Families 2017-18

The Homestay Program provides international students with the security of a loving family, a cultural education in a home setting and the best possible environment to learn English.

1. The International Manager is the custodian of the student, holds authority and must be advised on all matters.
2. Homestay 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 adult supervision for the international student during non-school hours.
3. 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 some household chores.
4. Homestay parents will provide a private bedroom, bedding, closet, desk and study lamp. The international student will have access to the common areas of the house. Any areas that are private or off limits for privacy or safety reasons will be discussed with the student.
5. Homestay parents will provide three wholesome Canadian meals each day and regular snacks. The international student may be expected to prepare his/her own breakfast or lunch with the groceries provided. Students are not expected to pay for their daily food but should pay for their own personal toiletries.
6. If the international student is invited to participate in family holidays and/or travel where additional costs are incurred, they are expected to assist with their costs. If the international student chooses not to participate, they must accept alternative arrangements made by the Homestay Services Coordinator.
7. International students are encouraged to have their own laptop & cell phone in order to be able to text, talk and Skype. This is to maintain communication with their homestay family, their natural family and, when participating in International Program activities, the Event Coordinator. International students are encouraged to limit their time on the phone, computer and/or Skype so as to allow time for study and opportunities to interact with their homestay family.
8. Curfews will be the same as for family members or other local children of the same age. It is recommended that students be home no later than 9.00 pm Sunday to Thursday and midnight on Friday/Saturday. International students are expected to be in bed with computers/ handheld devices off before (or by) 12.00 a.m. (at the latest) as adequate rest is necessary for success in school.
9. International students must always stay in touch with their homestay parents regarding their whereabouts and activities. International students are expected to use courtesy and seek permission and discuss their plans ahead of time with their homestay families.
10. International students are expected to be on time and attend all classes on every school day, unless too ill to attend. This includes opening day on the mountain should it fall on a school day. The homestay parent must notify the school of an absence due to illness to ensure an Excused Absence.
11. Classroom behaviour and academic performance must be exemplary. International students should complete all homework assignments to the best of their ability. If a student finds a class or area of study too challenging, they are encouraged to talk to their teacher or the Academic Liaison as soon as possible so that plans for support may be put in place. Students are expected to maintain a minimum C average in all courses.
12. 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.
13. Students and homestay families should plan and make prior arrangements for rides to and from activities and events where a bus is not available or convenient. Students should not be allowed to walk home in the dark alone. Only rarely should a student be required to take a taxi. Students are not permitted to hitchhike.
14. Overnight absences by the homestay: Students will not be left unattended overnight. Adult supervision must be pre-arranged and pre-approved by the Homestay Services Coordinator if the homestay family will be away during the school year.
- 15: Overnight stays by international students must be approved as follows:
 - a) Within the local community - approved by the homestay family
 - b) Out of the town/school district - by the homestay family, in writing by the student's parents and International Manager.
 - c) Out of the country - Students may not travel outside Canada during the course of the school year (except to return to their home country) without the approval of the International Manager. The International Program must be informed of any plans to return home for holidays.

In all the above instances, the homestay family must have the name, address and phone number of the person with whom the international student will be staying. International students may not stay overnight outside of the homestay family home without a responsible adult over the age of 25.

16. Pre-approval by the International Manager and their natural family, in writing must be given to students for travel outside of Canada during the course of the school year, except when returning to their home country.

17. The use of alcohol and/or 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 and consume drugs and alcohol and for people under 19 to purchase cigarettes.

18. International students who are involved in sexual activity will have their parents and agent notified immediately and may be sent home without a refund. Students are not allowed to have another student of the opposite sex in their bedroom without the permission of the homestay parents at which time students must always leave the bedroom door open. Mixed gender sleepovers are not permitted.

19. In compliance with government recommendations all students must wear helmets when participating in specific sports including, but not limited to skiing, snowboarding and horseback riding. *BC law requires helmets to be worn when cycling.* Parents will be notified of non-compliance and repeated transgressions may lead to dismissal from the program.

20. Immigration Canada does not permit high school students holding a visitor's visa or study permit to hold jobs in Canada.

21. Students are not permitted to drive or rent cars or motorized vehicles.

22. Students are not permitted to get tattoos or piercings during their participation in our program.

23. The Sea to Sky International Program is an academic program that runs for the school year from September to June. **Students are required to return home once classes are completed. ALL STUDENTS MUST DEPART CANADA BY JUNE 30TH – THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

24. Sea to Sky International Program reserves the right to use the images of the students and homestay families enrolled in their program in print and other digital media including Face Book.

25. If an international student is not happy with the homestay arrangement, they are to inform the Homestay Services Coordinator as soon as possible.

26. Additional Fees

a. Homestay fees effective September 01, 2017 – Squamish \$1100/month, Whistler \$1200/month, and Pemberton \$1100/month.

b. Individual day rates are: Squamish and Pemberton \$36.00 per day. Whistler \$40.00 per day

c. Airport arrival and departure at beginning and end of stay is included in the fees and arranged by the International Department unless the student has opted out of this service. Effective September 2017, transportation for all students is \$300 return. Students are allowed 2 regular sized suitcases, a carry on and a sports bag such as a ski bag or snowboard bag. Additional luggage and sports equipment or oversized bags and bikes will incur an additional cost and are the responsibility of the student. The International Department **must be notified** if a student is bringing oversized luggage or a bike.

d. Additional airport transfer arrangements are the responsibility of the student, agent or natural parents.

e. Students who depart the program before the months' end will not be refunded any portion of tuition or homestay.

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