



ROCKY MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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HOMESTAY PARTICIPATION FORM – 2021/22

OFFICE USE ONLY
Received by: _____
Date: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____ Landline: _____

HOST PARENT #1: _____ Gender: Male Female
Full legal name as it appears on your driver's license/passport

D.O.B: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____ Workplace: _____
Day Month Year

Email: _____ Mobile phone: _____ Work phone: _____

HOST PARENT #2: _____ Gender: Male Female
Full legal name as it appears on your driver's license/passport

D.O.B: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____ Workplace: _____
Day Month Year

Email: _____ Mobile phone: _____ Work phone: _____

ANNUAL HOMESTAY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) Host Parents must carefully read, complete, and submit this form to the Homestay Coordinator on an annual basis -- prior to student arrival. Host Parents agree to inform the Homestay Coordinator of any changes to their home, family composition, employment status, or other aspects of their personal life as originally detailed in your initial application.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

BC PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES FOR HOMESTAY

All RMISP Host Parents must agree to review the British Columbia K-12 International Student Homestay Guidelines. A copy of the current guidelines will be provided at the mandatory annual homestay orientation. Host Parent(s) agree to inform the Homestay Coordinator in cases where hosting cannot be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the guidelines.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

HOMESTAY INSPECTIONS

Host Parents agree that the 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.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

HOMESTAY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions must be acknowledged and accepted by the Host parents for this homestay application to be considered:

- Homestays are paid \$27.00 per day, \$800.00 per month in the 2021-22 school year. Payments are considered reimbursement for hosting expenses incurred and are paid at the end of the month. If Host Parents require respite care for their student(s), the day rate of \$27.00 will be deducted from their monthly reimbursement to compensate the respite family.
- Host Parents must give their international student(s) and the Homestay Coordinator one full month's notice if they wish to cease hosting without cause.
- Host Parents cannot host other children/teenagers/adults who are non-family members while hosting a Rocky Mountain International Program student. Examples include, but are not limited to, billets, foster children, college students, and people from other programs (international or otherwise).
- Host Parents must make an effort to include their student(s) in Host Family activities to maximize the homestay experience.
- Host Parents may travel freely within 500 km of their municipality with their student(s) for day trips if they remain in Canada. Host Families wishing to travel beyond this distance or to take overnight trips must inform their Homestay Coordinator and may be required to get written permission from their student's natural parents in their home country. Host Parents must not allow their student(s) to travel beyond the local area without them unless they have permission from the Homestay Coordinator or as part of a school trip.
- Students may sleep over at a friend's home with permission from their Host Parent(s). Stays of longer than two nights must be approved by the Homestay Coordinator.
- Some Host Family holidays, travel, or extracurricular activities may involve significant additional costs and the student may reasonably be expected to contribute toward these costs if he/she chooses to participate (for example, a trip requiring airfare). Such trips are optional. Host Families must seek pre-approval from RMISP when inviting their student(s) on trips. Once RMISP has approved the trip request, Host Parents are required to purchase trip cancellation insurance upon booking the trip. If the student chooses not to participate in a Host Family holiday or if the Host Family is away for another reason, alternative homestay arrangements during the Host Family's absence must be arranged and/or approved by the Homestay Coordinator.
- Host Parents must not leave their students home alone overnight and must consult the Homestay Coordinator before leaving them with an alternate caregiver.
- Host Parents are required to attend the annual Homestay Family orientation which includes the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol.
- Host Parents must be present at the airport to pick up and drop off their students on arrival and departure (unless otherwise arranged by program staff). In recognition of return trips exceeding 300 km, RMISP will provide a flat rate of \$125 for reimbursement of travel expenses.
- Host Parents must provide three nutritious meals per day plus intermittent snacks and beverages seven days a week.
- Host Parents (one or both) must accept periodic in-home visits and attend scheduled group meetings with the Homestay Coordinator to evaluate the ongoing success of the placement and address any issues that may have arisen.
- Host Parents acknowledge that they are not employees of School District 6 (Rocky Mountain) when acting in their role as Host Parents.
- Host Parents must submit all current documentation as required by RMISP prior to the student's arrival to Canada or they will not be permitted to host.
- In relation to COVID-19, all members of the Host Family are expected to adhere to current federal, provincial, school district, and RMISP guidelines and regulations.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

2021-22 HOMESTAY STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students in Rocky Mountain International Student Program homestays have the right to:

- a private bedroom with a closet, night table, lamp and bed;
- shared access to a bathroom;
- access to a washer and dryer to clean their clothes;
- feel safe and secure in their homestay;
- be included in Host Family activities and trips;
- three nutritious meals per day plus intermittent snacks and beverages;
- a key to the home and/or an access code for the door lock or alarm;
- free Internet connectivity in their home (and reasonable access to it);
- not be exposed to behavior (including speech, expressive conduct, electronic communication) that intimidates or exposes the student to physical harm, ridicule, hatred or contempt, defamation, bullying, harassment and/or cyber-bullying by anyone (Host Family members or visitors) in the home;
- not be exposed to conduct (including expressive conduct) that impacts the rights of others or may be seen as discriminatory as set out in the B.C. Human Rights Code by anyone (Host Family members or visitors) in the home;
- not be subjected to second-hand smoke inside the home.

STUDENT RIGHTS

Students in Rocky Mountain International Student Program homestays have the responsibility to:

- show consideration, respect and tolerance to all host family members;
- respect household rules and follow curfews (as established by the host family, natural parents, and/or program);
- inform their host family if they will not be home for a meal or will arrive home late;
- invite guests to the home only with the knowledge and permission of the host family;
- ensure relationships comply with Canadian age-of-consent laws and are with other high school students;
- consult with the host family before using household appliances or equipment and use them in ways that have been approved by the family;
- accept household duties (chores) that are assigned by host parent(s) as might be reasonably expected of a child of the same age and/or other children in the family;
- use the telephone and/or Internet for reasonable lengths of time or as prescribed by natural parents, host parents, and/or Homestay Coordinator;
- clean up after themselves in the home and keep their bedrooms neat and tidy;
- not purchase or possess weapons of any kind;
- not borrow money from host family members;
- not enter host family bedrooms or the bathroom when they are occupied;
- promptly reimburse the host family for damages to household items;
- be tolerant and respectful with regard to race, religion, gender and disabilities;
- never use abusive or sexually-oriented language with host family members;
- never resort to physically threatening or violent behaviour;
- always be suitably clothed in the presence of host family members;
- never participate in the viewing of sexually explicit photos, movies, Internet sites or written materials while in the home and/or while using the host family's Internet connection;
- never touch host family members in an inappropriate manner;
- not discuss the private matters of the host family outside the home unless it is with a program staff member and involves the safety and/or security of the student and/or someone else.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Acknowledged by: _____ and _____ on _____
Host Parent #1: signature Host Parent #2: signature Date

2021-22 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONTRACT

Students and Host Parents participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (“the program”) must agree to the terms and conditions of the International Student Contract. Student transgressions must be immediately reported to program staff by Host Parents.

- 1) International students are subject to all national, provincial and local laws and agree to abide by them. Breaking the law may result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- 2) International students are not permitted to purchase or use illegal drugs, cannabis, alcohol or tobacco and/or vaping products. Possession or use of these products will result in immediate notification of the student’s natural parents and/or agent and may result in dismissal from the program.
- 3) While participating in the program, international students are not permitted to undergo any type of body modification procedure including but not limited to tattooing, piercing and/or branding. Failure to abide by this rule will result in notification of the student’s natural parents and/or agent and may result in dismissal from the program.
- 4) International students are not permitted to participate in any high-risk activities (bungee jumping, backcountry skiing, white water rafting, etc.) without written consent (e.g. High-Risk Waiver form) from the program and/or natural parent(s).
- 5) Academic achievement is a program priority. Students who receive more than one “I” grade (Incomplete) on a report card and/or one “I” on consecutive report cards will be put on academic probation. If there is no improvement, students may be dismissed from the program.
- 6) International students must earn a minimum of an “S” grade (Satisfactory) for their Work Habits (attitude and effort) on their report cards. Students who receive more than one “N” grade (Needs Improvement) on a report card and/or one “N” on consecutive report cards will be put on academic probation. If there is no improvement, students may be dismissed from the program.
- 7) All students must attend classes and be on time. Repeated transgressions may result in academic probation. If there is no significant improvement, students may be dismissed from the program.
- 8) International students in the homestay program are not permitted to drive while participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program.
- 9) All students must wear helmets when participating in high-risk activities including but not limited to skiing/snowboarding, skateboarding/longboarding, biking and horseback riding. Natural parents and/or agents will be notified of non-compliance.
- 10) All students must, at all times, disclose their whereabouts to their host family and/or program staff. Untruthfulness regarding whereabouts may lead to dismissal from the program.
- 11) Students must activate and maintain a Canadian mobile phone account with a local number while in the program. Failure to comply may result in the student being excluded from program trips and activities.

In addition to the above-listed terms and conditions, international students are subject to their Student Code of Conduct and all other school rules and regulations as applicable to all students at their host school.

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) reserves the right to dismiss from the program any student whose health (physical, mental, or emotional) and/or behaviour, as determined by the administration of the host school and/or program staff, compromises the safety or security of the student or those around him/her. Students dismissed from the program for this or any of the above-listed reasons may not be eligible for a refund.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Please review the following requirements and acknowledgements regarding custodianship, liability, confidentiality, and safety/security. Confirm your acceptance of these important terms and conditions of homestay program participation by initialing at the bottom of the page.

- 1) RMISP reserves the right to move a student without advance notice for any reason including but not limited to ongoing and irresolvable issues between the student and his/her Host Family and/or to ensure the health, safety and security of the student or members of the Host Family. The International Education Manager is the student's legal custodian in Canada, not the Host Parent(s).
- 2) Host Parents agree to assume all liability for loss or damage to their home caused by their student(s) and hereby release RMISP and its employees and agents from all liability arising out of their participation in the program, including but not limited to property damage or loss, or the debts, conducts and/or actions of the students assigned to the home.
- 3) Student application packages are private, confidential and the property of RMISP and/or the study abroad agency responsible for placing the student in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program. This information is provided to Host Parents for the express purpose of improving the homestay experience and ensuring the health, safety and security of the student. This information must not be copied, redistributed or shared with anyone including children in the household. Medical and/or other information can and should be shared with medical professionals, emergency services and/or law enforcement personnel as required by law and/or in the best interest of the student. Please consult with your Homestay Coordinator if you have any questions. Upon completion or termination of a student placement, paper copies of student application packages must be destroyed or returned to the Homestay Coordinator; digital copies must be deleted.
- 4) Host Parents confirm that no one living in or regularly visiting the home (friends, extended family members, etc.) is party to a restraining order and that to the best of their knowledge no one living in or potentially attending the home has a criminal record, mental illness, addiction, history of abusive behavior (physical, sexual, verbal, psychological), or other issue/encumbrance that might put an international student living in the home at risk.
- 5) Host Parents confirm that Host Family vehicle(s) used for student transport are in good operating condition and that proper winter tires will be used as recommended by ICBC and/or required by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (October 1 – April 30 annually).
- 6) Host Parents agree to support the terms and conditions of the International Student Contract (see page 4) and promise to immediately report any student transgressions to program staff.
- 7) Host Parents must carry full personal liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000 and must inform their homeowner/renter's insurance company that they will be hosting one or more international students. This should not increase rates but must be disclosed.
- 8) Host Parents will provide criminal record checks to School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for all individuals 18 years of age and older who are regularly living in the home at least once every three years and will immediately report to their Homestay Coordinator if any individual in the home (adult or child) is arrested for and charged with a criminal offence.
- 9) Host Parents are not permitted to invite their students to remain in Canada beyond their academic term of study.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

LIABILITY EXCLUSIONS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Host Parents understand and accept that School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) does not guarantee the quality of the relationship between the student and the Host Family or any other relationship. Host Parents assume 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. 6 (Rocky Mountain), 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.

Host Parents agree 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.

Host Parent initials: _____ / _____
Parent #1 Parent #2

SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and the policies and procedures of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

Host Parent #1: _____
Name (please print) Signature Date

Host Parent #2: _____
Name (please print) Signature Date