



ROCKY MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT – 2023/24

Student's name: _____
Family name(s) Given name(s)

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Country of birth: _____
Day Month Year

Citizenship: _____ First language(s): _____ Gender: M F

Grade in Canada: _____ Student email address: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONTRACT

Every international student and his/her parent(s) must read and agree to the following terms and conditions to be eligible to participate in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (hereafter referred to as "the program").

- 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.
- 12) In the event of a pandemic, all students must adhere to current federal, provincial, school district, and RMISP guidelines and regulations.

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.

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print)	Parent/Guardian #1 signature	Date
Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)	Parent/Guardian #2 signature	Date
Student name (please print)	Student signature	Date

HOMESTAY PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Students in the School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) homestay program are in the custodial care of the International Education Manager (or other program staff member) and must adhere to the following participation terms and conditions:

- Students may be held accountable for any damage they cause to the property of their host family including but not limited to their home, household items, and automobiles. Deliberate damage, particularly vandalism, may result in dismissal from the program.
- Students who wish to change their homestay placement must follow RMISP protocol before a move is granted.
- Students must make an effort to participate in family activities to maximize their homestay experience.
- Students are expected to speak English when in the presence of host family members or guests.
- Students must agree to follow the Homestay Policies and Procedures detailed in the **International Student Handbook** and any new guidelines or rules issued by program administration during their stay in the program.
- Students must complete online surveys designed to give program administration feedback on the student’s in-school and homestay experience.
- Students must participate in group and/or individual meetings with the Homestay Coordinator at their host school or elsewhere to receive program information and/or evaluate and support the ongoing success of the homestay placement. Students may also need to be available for in-home visits/meetings if necessary.
- The Rocky Mountain International Student Program reserves the right to move students without notice if a Homestay Coordinator or program/school administration believes the student’s health, safety and/or security is at risk. Students may also be moved (on short notice or otherwise) in cases of family emergencies and other extenuating circumstances as deemed necessary by a Homestay Coordinator or program/school administration. Temporary placements may be required until permanent arrangements can be made.
- Important: Regardless of the specific restrictions or directions indicated above, students wishing to travel outside their local area unaccompanied, with friends or with adults other than their designated host family members, school staff/chaperones, or RMISP staff/chaperones may have to obtain special permission from the program and/or their natural parents/guardians in their home country. By signing below, the student confirms he/she will not undertake such travel without informing his/her Homestay Coordinator and his/her natural parents.

The natural parent(s)/guardian(s) hereby release(s) School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) and its employees and agents from all liability arising from their child’s homestay placement(s), including but not limited to property damage or loss, or the debts, conducts and/or actions of the host family members or other visitors to the home. Students are responsible for their own debts, conduct and actions while participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program.

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print) Parent/Guardian #1 signature Date

Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print) Parent/Guardian #2 signature Date

Student name (please print) Student signature Date

HOMESTAY RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students in Rocky Mountain International Student Program homestays must agree to abide by the following rules and accept the following responsibilities:

- show consideration, respect and tolerance to all host family members and their pets;
- 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;
- always be suitably clothed in the presence of host family members;
- never touch host family members in an inappropriate manner;
- never use abusive or sexually-oriented language with host family members;
- not enter host family bedrooms without permission;
- not borrow money from host family members;
- respect household rules and follow curfews (as established by the host family, natural parents, and/or program);
- clean up after themselves in the home and keep their bedrooms neat and tidy;
- 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;
- inform their host family if they will not be home for a meal or will arrive home late;
- consult with the host family before using household appliances or equipment and use them in ways that have been approved by the family;
- promptly reimburse the host family for damages to household items;
- use the telephone and/or Internet for reasonable lengths of time or as prescribed by natural parents, host parents, and/or Homestay Coordinator;
- 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;
- invite guests to the home only with the knowledge and permission of the host family;
- dating students are not allowed to visit each other's homes unless a host parent is present;
- ensure relationships comply with Canadian age-of-consent laws and are with other high school students;
- not purchase or possess weapons of any kind;
- be tolerant and respectful with regard to race, religion, gender and disabilities;
- never resort to physically threatening or violent behaviour.

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #1 signature

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #2 signature

Date

Student name (please print)

Student signature

Date

MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby give permission to School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) to collect, keep, use and share photographs, videos, and images of me (student) / my son or daughter (parents) for use online or in print including but not limited to brochures, websites, newspapers, and social media.

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #1 signature

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #2 signature

Date

Student name (please print)

Student signature

Date

MEDICAL AUTHORITY AND RELEASE

I/we, as parents of the student, do hereby authorize the School District staff and the homestay parent(s) to consent on behalf of my child to any necessary medical testing and treatment. I/we, as parents of the student, agree that if our child has a pre-existing medical condition, we must ensure that any required treatment for the condition is covered by the medical insurance provider, and should any medical insurance provider refuse to accept responsibility for any treatment received by my child, I/we will accept all financial responsibility related to any such treatment.

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #1 signature

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)

Parent/Guardian #2 signature

Date

PARTICIPATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, & TRIPS

Students in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities, events, and trips which require bus transportation and/or overnight stays in hotels, motels, or hostels. Parents and students must acknowledge and accept the following terms and conditions for participation:

- Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean and will not be permitted to get off the bus at any stop until the trip supervisors and/or driver assess the cleanliness of the bus
- Students must remain in their hotel room after CURFEW (10:00 PM unless otherwise stated) and must not leave their rooms without permission after that time except in the case of an emergency)
- Room assignments will vary depending on accommodation arrangements; students must be prepared to stay in a room with other students of the same gender and to share a double or queen-sized bed with another student of the same gender
- Students are ambassadors for their school, their host community, and their country; they are expected to behave appropriately and respectfully at all times and to follow the instructions of the trip supervisor(s)
- Students are responsible for reviewing the trip itinerary including the IMPORTANT NOTES section in advance of departure to ensure they are prepared for the trip and that they are accepting of the schedule
- Students will arrive at all meeting places and departure points on time or early

_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)	Parent/Guardian #2 signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Student name (please print)	Student signature	Date

NATURAL PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Parents of students participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program must acknowledge and accept the following:

- 1) that RMISP has no control over labour disputes and cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss suffered by my son/daughter due to a strike or other job action that may result in the failure to deliver educational programming and/or related services/opportunities including but not limited to school sports teams, clubs, field trips, program activities, and/or homework support;
- 2) that RMISP cannot control the weather and/or other extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances or situations which may delay, prevent, or alter the delivery of school programming and/or program activities, events, or trips and cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss suffered by my son/daughter as a result; and
- 3) that the information in my son’s/daughter’s application documents will be shared with school district staff and his/her host family (prospective and confirmed) and may be shared with medical professionals, law enforcement, and/or government agencies as required to ensure his/her safety and well-being and/or to comply with the laws of British Columbia and Canada.

_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print)	Parent/Guardian #1 signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print)	Parent/Guardian #2 signature	Date

NATURAL PARENT FINAL CONFIRMATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Parents of students participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program must confirm the following:

- 1) that my son/daughter has no history of criminal behaviour or sexual misconduct;
- 2) that my son/daughter does not have any undisclosed medical, mental, physical, or emotional challenges or conditions including but not limited to drug or alcohol abuse, self-harming behaviour, eating disorders, anxiety and depression;
- 3) that I will stay in regular contact with my son/daughter (weekly at minimum) for their duration of his/her stay in the program and immediately report any concerns about his/her health or well-being;
- 4) that the application form for my son/daughter as submitted to the program (directly or via an agency) is both accurate and complete;
- 5) that I will not permit my son/daughter to extend his/her stay in Canada beyond the 'approved departure dates' as indicated on the RMISP Mini Calendar.
- 6) that I will fly to Canada on short notice and at my own expense if requested by the program (and at its sole discretion) in the event of a medical emergency, mental health issue, legal problem, and/or program release/dismissal that requires me to accompany my son/daughter for the return trip to our home country; and
- 7) That my son/daughter will not be permitted to miss school for trips with friends or non-parental family members. Students may only travel during school holidays with friends or non-parental family members who are 25 years or older. Students may travel during school time and/or during school holidays with their host parents or natural parents.
- 8) that I know of no reason why my son/daughter cannot successfully participate in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program.

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COURSE PREFERENCE SHEET

NAME: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

1. Are there any courses you are REQUIRED to take (e.g. for your home school or for validation purposes)? If yes, please list them below. If not, skip to #2.

2. Please list the courses you would like to take. Your preferences will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed due to timetable considerations, limits on class sizes, and other factors.

I really want to take:	I would also like to try:

3. Please list the extra-curricular activities (sports teams and clubs) you are interested in below:

I have a strong interest in:	I might also like to try:

IMPORTANT: We will do everything possible to provide your preferred classes and we hope you will have the ability to participate in your clubs and sports that interest you. However, please be aware that not all classes, clubs, and/or sports are available at all schools and may not run in both semesters or every year.



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HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES WAIVER FORM

We/I, parent(s) of _____ understand that our/my child may have the opportunity to participate in one or more high-risk activities with **a responsible adult (age 25 or older)** while in Canada. These activities could take place multiple times throughout your child’s stay in Canada.

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) cannot give its approval for your child to participate in these activities, which are not part of the educational program/agreement that your child or you, as his/her parent(s), have with this school district. You may consent to your child’s participation in these activities by signing below. In so doing, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), its employees, and its host families. You further acknowledge that these activities are not recommended, approved, or in any way arranged or supervised by School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

Please initial beside the high-risk activity you allow your child to participate in and sign below to confirm you have read this letter, and that you understand and accept that your child’s participation in these activities is solely your responsibility and completely at your discretion.

Parental initials	High-risk activities requiring natural parent consent	Parental initials	High-risk activities requiring natural parent consent
/	Back-country skiing	/	Quadding (ATVs)
/	Backpacking (back-country hiking/camping)	/	Waterskiing, Wakeboarding, Kneeboarding, Tubing, Seadooing
/	Bungee jumping	/	Indoor rock climbing
/	Cliff jumping	/	Outdoor rock climbing
/	Dirt biking	/	Skiing/snowboarding
/	Horseback riding	/	Snowmobiling
/	Hunting	/	Target shooting
/	Mountain biking	/	Trampoline parks
/	Paragliding	/	Whitewater or sea kayaking and rafting
/	Ziplining/high-ropes park		

Parent/Guardian #1 name (please print) Parent/Guardian #1 signature Date

Parent/Guardian #2 name (please print) Parent/Guardian #2 signature Date

Agent name (please print) Agent signature Date

*Agents: Please make sure that the natural parents read, understand, and agree with the terms of this document.



SKI AND SNOWBOARD CONTRACT

The following terms and conditions must be acknowledged and abided by students and acknowledged and accepted by natural parents in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP). The purpose of this document is to require and support safe, responsible skiing/snowboarding by all students.

- 1) I will ski/snowboard safely and conscientiously at all times and follow the Alpine Responsibility Code (see box at right);
- 2) I will not ski/snowboard Out of Bounds or on closed runs. (**Important:** ski resorts may revoke passes of students caught skiing/snowboarding Out of Bounds or on closed runs; injuries may not be covered by medical insurance);
- 3) I will not ski/snowboard on runs that exceed my ability level;
- 4) I understand that it is highly recommended that I not ski/snowboard alone and that I should always ski/snowboard with a friend/partner or in small groups. If I do choose to ski/snowboard alone I will carry a cell phone with me;
- 5) I will not build or use jumps unsanctioned by the local ski patrol;
- 6) I will not "invert" off of any jumps without my natural parents' consent;
- 7) I will wear an approved helmet at all times as per the International Student Contract.

Failure to comply with the above-listed terms and conditions and/or any verbal instructions given by program or resort staff could result in natural parent notification, suspension of ski/snowboard privileges, and/or program probation.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I will be safe, responsible, and compliant with this contract and the Alpine Responsibility Code when I ski and/or snowboard.

ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

LEARNER
SKI & RIDE WITH CARE

THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE SLOPES, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

1 Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.	6 Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
2 People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.	7 Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.
3 Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.	8 Keep off closed trails and closed areas.
4 Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.	9 You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
5 If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.	10 You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.

**Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious
It is Your Responsibility**

C.W.S.A.A. 08/2000

Student name

Signature

Date

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that my/our child may have the opportunity to ski/snowboard with the program, his/her host school, his/her host family, his/her friends, and/or alone. I accept the risks associated with my/our child skiing and/or snowboarding during his/her stay in Canada as part of RMISP and confirm my acceptance of the terms and conditions articulated above. I further acknowledge that it is my/our responsibility to inform the International Education Manager if my/our child requires learn-to-ski/snowboard lessons as provided by the ski resort in my child's host community. I/we will cover the cost for these lessons payable to the local ski resort.

Parent #1 name

Signature

Date

Parent #2 name

Signature

Date