

SUMMER STUDENT ORIENTATION MANUAL 2019



**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT PROGRAM
COMOX VALLEY**

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PROGRAM STAFF

The Comox Valley International Student Program consists of seven office staff members. Under the direction of Mr. Steve Knight, District Principal, the CVISP staff is your support resources for our Summer Program. Your Summer Program teacher will be your main support throughout the program. Be sure to introduce yourself and make an effort to get to know your teacher during the Summer Program.

CVISP LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AGREEMENT REVIEW

The rules of conduct found in the International Student Agreement must be followed by all students entering and enrolled in the CVISP. You have already signed off on these rules with your agent and/or your parents as it is part of the application process to enter the CVISP. The CVISP will review this document with you during orientation. Please refer to **Appendix A** for a copy of the International Student Agreement.

MEDICAL

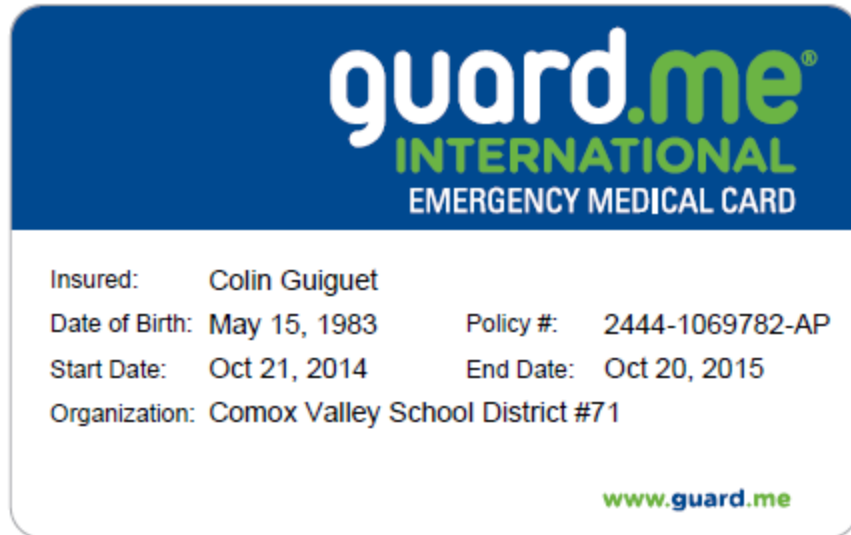
WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET SICK?

If you get sick, tell your host family right away. Do not be shy as your host family is there to help you through difficult situations. Your host family will take you to the doctor if necessary. This is why you have Guard.Me medical insurance. You will be provided with a medical insurance card and coverage description during orientation.

Remember these key points throughout your study in the CVISP.

- **Students must keep their medical cards or policy information with them at all times.**
- Students must present their medical cards (Guard.Me) at the time of a doctor's visit. There are approved CVISP walk in medical clinics in the Comox Valley which will do direct billing for you. Be sure to consult your host parents for these approved CVISP walk in medical clinics.
- Approved walk in Medical Clinic
 1. Washington Park Medical Clinic (2nd floor of the Superstore)
757 Ryan Road
Courtenay, BC V9N 1N3
250.334.9241
 2. Walmart Courtenay Medical Clinic
3199 Cliffe Avenue
Courtenay, BC V9N 2L9
250.898.8998
- Be aware that a visit to emergency at the hospital is a minimum of \$750.00 no matter what level of service is received. In many cases going to a doctor's clinic is faster than going to the hospital, and it is always less expensive. **Only use the Hospital Emergency Room in life threatening cases.**
- Medical insurance plans do not pay for over the counter medicine. Students who need medicine will be given prescriptions which are purchased at a pharmacy. Students who are covered under the Guard.Me plan can make a claim for prescription costs and may receive reimbursement.

Remember; always have your medical insurance card with you. It fits into your purse, wallet or backpack easily. Here is an example of a Guard.Me insurance card:



Visit <https://www.guard.me/> for more information on Guard.Me's standard policy, claim forms, and general information.

UNCOMFORTABLE BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

Behaviour by others that causes us to feel uncomfortable, even afraid, can be referred to as abusive. Abuse is when a person hurts another person verbally, physically, or sexually. An abusive situation happens when someone continuously calls another person hurtful names. Other examples of abuse are when someone hits another person or when someone forces another person to do something when he/she does not want to do it.

In Canada, citizens are protected from this behaviour by Canadian law and no one has the right to abuse another person. If you find yourself in an abusive situation or if someone makes you feel uncomfortable, trust your feelings and speak to a CVISP staff person. This could be your teacher, a school counselor or any of the CVISP staff.

Behaviours that could make you feel uncomfortable:

1. Wanting to spend time alone with you by making excuses to go places or have others leave
2. Doing things to you that involve physical contact. For example, back rubs, massages, wanting to wash you
3. Accidentally on purpose touching your private parts, brushing against them, rubbing their body against yours
4. Looking at or touching your body and saying it is an inspection of how you are developing
5. Always coming into your room while you are undressed or into the bathroom without knocking or asking
6. Not respecting your privacy; not allowing you to close your bedroom door or the bathroom door
7. Saying sexual things about your body or how you dress
8. Talking to you about sexual things that he/she has done
9. Hitting you or threatening to use physical force

10. Telling you not to tell his/her spouse or other people about things that happen between you
11. Walking around the house without clothes on

IMPORTANT: If someone does things to you or with you that make you feel uncomfortable or that you do not like, immediately tell your teacher, a school counselor, Mr. Steve Knight, Ms. Youn Hee Edmonds, Ms. Amy Ho the Host Family Supervisors or Mr. Colin Guiguet, Manager of Marketing and Recruiting. from the CVISP.

STUDENT TRAVEL

As the legal custodian of each CVISP student while in Canada safety is the number one priority. When CVISP students are at school in the community and with their host families, the CVISP is confident that they are safe. CVISP students will want to travel outside of the Comox Valley for site seeing, trips with their host family or even to visit relatives in another city or country. Whatever the reason, you must complete an “Out of District Travel Request Form” so the CVISP can ensure your safety.

You must complete an “Out of District Travel Request Form” when:

1. You plan to travel outside the Comox Valley **with** your host family for **more** than three (3) nights.
2. You plan to travel outside the Comox Valley **without** your host family for **any length of time**.

When you want to leave the Comox Valley:

1. You must complete the “*Out of District Travel Request Form*” with your host family.
2. Your host parents must verify the information and consent to the arrangements.
3. Requests not received **at least five (5) working days** prior to your intended departure date may be denied.
4. CVISP student who travel outside of the Comox Valley without approval will be subject to disciplinary action.

STUDENT TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

The “*Out of District Travel Request Form*” is a fillable form located on the CVISP website at www.studyinbritishcolumbia.com/homestatravel-request-form/. Be sure to complete the form with your host family.

TRAVEL TO THE USA PROTOCOL

Protocol is in place that permits CVISP students to travel to the USA. The above mentioned “*Out of District Travel Request Form*” and process must be completed. Additionally, a “*Travel to the USA Release Waiver*” must also be completed by you and your host parents. The CVISP will also require notification from your natural parents that they approve of the trip. Please contact your ISPST or the CVISP office for a copy of the “*Travel to the USA Release Waiver*”.

HOST FAMILY

SUCCESS IN A HOST FAMILY

Our host families play an important role in helping students learn English and understand the Canadian culture.

The following guidelines will help you be successful in your host family experience:

1. Be polite and courteous with all members of the host family. Talk to them about your day, and ask about theirs. Use "please" and "thank you" often.
2. Treat the home and its possessions in a caring, respectful manner. Be careful to close and lock doors and windows as requested by the family.
3. Be sure to understand house rules about use of showers, telephones, and computers, and respect time limits given.
4. Come home at the agreed upon time after school. If you want to miss a meal, ask your host family, at least an hour before mealtime. Follow the evening curfew rules, and be sure to telephone if an emergency comes up and you are delayed.
5. If you would like to have a meal or to stay overnight at a friend's home, be sure to ask permission from your host family.
6. If your host family takes you on day trips, you are free to enjoy them. If your host family would like to take you on an overnight trip, or if you would like to travel with a friend, be sure to fill in the travel form required by the School District at least one week before the event.
7. We expect students to keep their rooms clean and tidy, and to share in household chores such as cleaning the bathroom, vacuuming, or mowing the lawn. Offering assistance at times is a nice thing to do.
8. If you are lonely, or worried, or sick, be sure to talk to your host parents. They may be able to help you. It is a normal feeling to be worried or sad sometimes, and parents understand those feelings.
9. You are seen as a representative of your country. Do not use alcohol or illegal drugs, drive motorized vehicles, or participate in activities that could be considered dangerous. You are not allowed to use trampolines, to swim in a location without a lifeguard, or to participate in sports on the water without a life jacket. If you are not sure about an activity, check with Ms. Youn Hee Edmonds (250-218-9605), Ms. Amy Ho (250-792-0101) the Program Principal, Mr. Steve Knight (250-703-2904) or Mr. Colin Guiguet, Manager of Marketing and Recruiting (250-650-5879).
10. Your host parents are your family away from home. Let them know you appreciate them by giving small gifts occasionally, and remember birthdays and special occasions. In Canada we usually give a small gift or card. It is important to remember these types of occasions. A gift does not have to be expensive to be special.

HOST FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

1. Homestay families expect that students become part of the family. This means students will be home for dinner. They expect students to be involved in family activities and celebrations. They expect students to help in the home with chores.
2. Homestay families expect students will talk with the family every day. They expect all people in the household to greet each other and discuss the day's activities.
3. Homestay families expect students to want to learn about Canadian culture and participate in new experiences.
4. Homestay families expect students will be interested in learning to speak English. They expect students will spend time sitting and talking with the family members.

5. Homestay families expect students want to be successful at school. They expect students will go to school, and work hard at their homework.
6. Homestay families expect students to learn the homestay family rules and guidelines and to follow them.
7. Homestay families expect students to tell the family if the student has a problem in the homestay. Problems cannot be solved if they don't know there is a problem.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR HOST FAMILY

1. A private bedroom
2. Three wholesome meals a day and snacks as required
3. A quiet, adequately lit and heated study space
4. Hot water and facilities for daily bathing
5. Laundry (you may be expected to do your own laundry)
6. Emotional support if you feel homesickness, are having difficulties at school, etc.
7. Academic support (help with homework if possible, communication with teachers, attendance at parent-teacher-student interview, etc.)
8. Inclusion in family outings, trips to restaurants, special occasions, recreational activities
9. Access to the common living areas of the house

FOOD AND TABLE MANNERS

Canada is a multicultural country where individual freedom is important. Each host family will have different ideas about food and table manners. You should watch your host family and listen carefully to learn Canadian customs.

To show good manners, please refrain from these food and table manners:

1. Slurping soup or noodles. Although this is acceptable in some cultures, it is generally thought of as poor table manners in Canada.
2. Eat off your knife, or lick it
3. Reach across the table for things that are not close to you
4. Speak with food in your mouth
5. Chew food with your mouth open

To show good manners, you are encouraged to perform these food and table manners:

1. Wash your hands before you sit down to eat
2. Take off your hat before you sit down to eat
3. Wait until other people start eating before you start
4. Ask "please pass me the..." instead of reaching
5. Wait until everyone is finished eating before you leave the table
6. Remove your own dishes from the table and offer to help with meal cleanup
7. Try new foods - you may like them!

VARIATIONS BETWEEN HOST FAMILIES IN CANADA

Take the time to learn about your host family. All families are different and have specific traditions. For example:

1. Some families say "grace" (a prayer) before meals
2. Some families wait until everyone is seated before anyone eats
3. Some families put a plate in front of everyone with the food already on, while some put serving dishes on the table for people to help themselves
4. Some families expect you to eat everything on your plate. Others do not mind if you leave some food.

In some countries the preparation of food and cleanup is considered "women's work". In Canada men and boys cook, do dishes, and do housework. Your host family may expect you to help with these things whether you are a boy or girl. If you do not know how, you should ask to be shown.

ADJUSTING TO CANADIAN FOOD

It may be difficult at first for you to adjust to Canadian food. If you find yourself in this situation, tell your host family about it and ask them for help. You can ask for smaller portions or more food if quantity is an issue. Open communication with your host family is vital to your success in the CVISP. Maybe you could cook some of your favourite foods from your home country with your host family!

IMPORTANT ENGLISH WORDS

Please

Hello. This is _____. May I speak to _____ please?

Will you pick me up at 8:00, please?

May I invite a friend to stay overnight, please?

May I stay at _____'s house tonight, please?

Could you drive me to the bus, please?

Could you help me with this homework, please?

I didn't understand. Could you repeat that, please?

Could you say it again more slowly, please?

Could you explain it to me again, please?

Could you help me to make an appointment, please?

Thank you

Thank you for supper. It was really good.

Thank you for picking me up.

Thank you for driving us.

Thank you for having me.

Thank you for inviting me for supper/letting me stay overnight.

Thank you for letting me go to _____. I had a good time.

Thank you for helping me.
Thank you for letting me know/telling me.
Thank you for explaining it to me again.
Thank you for looking after me.

I am Sorry

I am sorry I did not phone.
I am sorry. I forgot.
I am sorry I did not ask you sooner.
I am sorry I will not be there for supper.
I am sorry I didn't do my homework.
I am sorry I upset you.
I am sorry I hurt your feelings.
I am sorry. I cannot _____

DEALING WITH CULTURE SHOCK

1. Learn as much as you can about Canadian culture.
2. It is normal to feel scared and worried when you are in a new culture.
3. Living in a new culture is a change. Change can sometimes be difficult. You have experienced many changes in your life; this is one more change.
4. Know that your feelings will change. It will get better.
5. Look for solutions to specific problems one at a time.
6. Look after your health. Eat well, sleep well and take good care of yourself.
7. Keep in touch with your family and friends at home. Tell them what you are learning.
8. Spend time with others. Don't stay alone. Do things with your host family, visit your other international students.
9. Accept the way Canadians do things. Canadian culture is not better or worse than other cultures. All cultures have differences.
10. Remember why you came. You knew it would be different.
11. Don't be hard on yourself. Things will get better in time. Celebrate your successes.

CANADIAN CULTURAL NORMS

Important – these are generalizations and not stereotypes

Cultural norms will vary from family to family and not all families would “follow” the norms listed below.

FOOD

- Breakfast – cereal, toast, etc – usually family members get own (unless young kids in home)

- Lunch – sandwich or leftovers – usually people make their own lunch (not “Mom”)
- Dinner – wide variety depending on family.....more “English” based – meat/starch/vegetable. Raw vegetables are common. Food dished up on plates (not many dishes where people help themselves). Families usually eat dinner together at the table. For many families an important time to talk about how their day went/how things are going. Dinner is the main/big meal of the day.
- Grocery shopping is usually not done daily – once a week.
- Leftovers are common – 2-3 days old is not unusual
- Dinner – most often between 5:30-6:30pm

BATHROOM

- Showers – 10 min max (hot water tanks)
- No water on floor/on sink (drywall)
- Fan turned on when showering (drywall)
- Only toilet paper goes in toilet (and only 5-6 ‘squares’) – (some areas on septic tanks)

“BIGGER” CULTURE NORMS

- Polite (or at least we like to think so) – please & thank you very important words for Canadians
- Communication style – not very “upfront”/in-your-face. Ask, don’t “tell” style of communication. Yes, means yes; no, means no; maybe means need to think about it or see if can coordinate/arrange things to make it happen
- Honesty important. When there is a mistake or a problem, be open and honest – hiding, deception, dishonesty drives homestay families crazy.
- Conflict resolution – like to discuss to see if can resolve issues.
- Gender roles – really vary between families. Still generally the “norm” that the Mom runs the household. Parents usually share child care responsibilities/duties. Generally both Mother and Father work outside the home.
- Pets – tend to treat our pets as “children”/part of the family. Abuse (verbal or physical) is not tolerated
- Attitudes towards “sex” – Canadians might seem conservative to some cultures/really open to others. When it comes to talking about it in a broader sense, Canadians are more open. On an individual level, more conservative/private about it. Sex education, including birth control is fairly openly talked about (again in a broader sense.....)
- Religion – really depends on the homestay. Canadian homestays OK with others practicing any religion they choose and people of different religious backgrounds living together can/will accommodate each other. If a homestay family does practice a religion, it is entirely up to the student if they are interested in going to a service
- Household responsibilities – people are expected to clean up after themselves. If you make a mess, clean it up. No maid service in any homestay. Specific expectations/chores vary in families and are age appropriate.

- Smoking – generally frowned upon in Canada. Not allowed (by law) in any public building, within 3-6 meters of a door and in many public parks. There are sometimes designated smoking areas (especially in/around institutions). Homestays are indoor smoke free (? Not sure if that is everyone's policy) – this includes hanging out the window smoking (not allowed). If you smoke, please put butts in garbage (don't litter). Minimum age to purchase cigarettes is 19 years.
- Sarcasm – Some Canadians sometimes have a sarcastic sense of humour.....this does not always translate (there is actually no direct translation in Chinese....closest is irony....)
- Physical space – Canadians like “space” (about 2 feet) when talking with others. Physical contact (hugs, etc) is usually only between family/close friends (this can vary depending on age – younger peers seem to be more huggy). Cheek kissing is not done. With young children – important that there be no physical contact until there is comfort from the parents and child.

“SMALLER” CULTURAL NORMS

- Shoes – most homes take shoes off at door
- Umbrellas – don't use all that often....
- Weather – love/often talk about the weather – most common “small talk”
- Walking - used to walking to get to school, bus stop, etc. Tend to walk fast
- Closed doors – means “please leave me alone”
- Hockey – is a popular sport in Canada, but not everyone loves/watches/follows it
- Opposite sex sleepovers (either just friends or more)– NOT OK in most Canadian families
- Riding the bus – offer seat to elderly people (or pregnant). Usually will say “thank you” to driver when getting off the bus
- Service – generally tip 10-20%. Servers are treated with respect.
- Laundry – done in full batches. Some families do once a week on “laundry day”

APPENDIX A

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please review this document carefully. This document creates a legally binding agreement for participation in the Board of Education of School District No. 71 Comox Valley's International Student Programs.

Introduction:

The Board of Education of School District No. 71 Comox Valley (the "School District"), wishes to provide a challenging and exciting program to students studying in our International Programs. This Agreement sets out the terms on which a student is accepted into the program and the obligations on those students and their families.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

When this agreement is binding:

This Agreement is not binding upon the School District until it is signed by a parent or guardian of the student and the student applying for admission, is accepted by the School District and an offer of admission is made to the student by the School District, and all tuition fees are paid.

Placement

While the School District takes into consideration requests for placement at a particular school, the final decision on any placement is determined solely by the School District, taking into account space availability and the appropriate program for the student based on the School District's assessment.

What I am agreeing to:

1. I agree that as a condition of participating in the School District's International Programs that my child:
 - a. must comply with the laws of Canada and British Columbia;
 - b. must comply with the School and School District Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct including the School District's Computer and Internet Access Responsible Use Agreement.
 - c. must comply with the terms of this International Student Agreement;
 - d. must not use drugs or alcohol or smoke;
 - e. must not own, rent or drive a motor vehicle;
 - f. must comply with all Homestay terms set out in this Agreement, and obey family rules and show respect for members of the Homestay family;
 - g. must not change Homestay arrangements without the consent of the School District, District Principal, International Student Program or designate;
 - h. must attend all registered classes in the International Program, unless unable by reason of illness or injury to do so and must provide a note from a Parent, guardian or Homestay family for any absences;
 - i. must not withdraw from courses without consent of school officials, and may not substitute online courses for the equivalent in-class course;
 - j. must complete homework as assigned;
 - k. must not travel outside of the Comox Valley unless accompanied by an adult of at least 25 years of age or as part of the International Program; and
 - l. must maintain an up-to-date Citizenship and Immigration Canada Study Permit.

My representations:

2. I represent to the School District that my child has no history of engaging in criminal behaviour or sexual misconduct.
3. I know of no reason why my child cannot successfully participate in the School District's International Student Program.
4. I understand that Canada is a culturally diverse country and that my child will be expected to respect people of other sexes, races, religious and cultural backgrounds.
5. I understand and agree that any information included in my child's application for participation in the International Student Program in School District No. 71 Comox Valley is incorporated into and forms part of this agreement and I represent that it is true. How this agreement can be ended:
6. I agree that the School District may end this agreement at any time, without notice and without refunding any tuition paid, and may send my child home at my expense if:
 - a. any information in my child's application for admission is untrue;
 - b. my child breaches any of the obligations set out in paragraph 1; or
 - c. my child is unable to perform or is not performing to a reasonable academic standard (grade average of less than C- or equivalent).

Fee Schedule and Refund Policy

7. In the event that my child does not come to Canada or decides not to attend or to leave the School District's International Program, I agree that the following terms will apply:
 - a. The application fee is non-refundable in any circumstances.
 - b. For students in their first year of participation in the International Student Program, the following will apply:
 - i. the full tuition fee, less the application fee, will be refunded upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that the Study Permit was not approved by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC);

- ii. Forty five percent (45%) of the tuition fee, less the application fee and homestay placement fee, will be refunded if the student withdraws prior to commencement of the program;
- iii. no tuition refund will be granted, for any reason, if the student withdraws after 30 calendar days of commencing the program.
- c. If a student indicates they will be returning to the School District's International Programs for a second or subsequent year and withdraws prior to commencing the second or subsequent year, the following will apply:
 - i. Forty five percent (45%) of the annual tuition fee will be refunded if they withdraw from the program prior to June 30 of the year in which the second or subsequent year of studies is to commence; and
 - ii. no refund will be provided for any withdrawal after June 30 of the year in which the second or subsequent year of studies is to commence.
- d. No refund will be provided if a student is dismissed from the program because of a violation of this Agreement.
- e. In certain circumstances an international fee paying student may become eligible to become a non-fee paying student upon their parent or guardian becoming ordinarily resident in British Columbia. A student may only change their status from fee-paying to non-fee paying before September 30 of the applicable school year. No refund of tuition will be provided to any student whose status changes after September 30th of the applicable school year.

Insurance

- 8. The Student is obliged at all times to maintain adequate medical and health insurance while in Canada and the School District is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the student as a result of failure to maintain adequate insurance. International students are required to enroll in medical insurance through the School District's International Program office for the entire duration of his or her program in the School District. If a student cancels or fails to extend his or her insurance when required, the School District is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the student as a result of failure to maintain adequate insurance.

Assumption of Risk

- 9. I understand that there are risks associated with my child enrolling in the School District and that my child will not be under constant supervision. I understand that medical and health emergencies can occur without warning. I voluntarily assume the risk that my child may suffer illness, injury or another emergency and agree that I will not bring any claim against the School District or any of its employees for any injury suffered by my child while participating in the International Programs.
- 10. I understand that my child may wish to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports teams, field trips, or school clubs. I give my permission for my child to participate in such extracurricular activities if the Custodian in their discretion considers such activity appropriate. However, I understand that the School District may determine not to allow my child to participate in high risk activities such as skiing, surfing, snowboarding, mountain climbing, kayaking or canoeing unless I also provide my consent to that activity.

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

- 11. I understand that for the purposes of my child's participation in the School District's International Programs, the School District will collect, use and disclose personal information about me and my child, including information about my child's health and education as well as contact information for me and my child. I understand that that information will be collected, used and disclosed for the purposes of offering and administering the International Programs as permitted by the British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FOIPPA") and the British Columbia School Act and may be shared with school authorities, medical and social service providers, homestay providers, custodians and others as required.

Please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I agree to the use of my and my child's personal information for purposes consistent with the above.
- CheckBox No – I do not agree with the use of my and my child's personal information for purposes consistent with the above.

Student please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I <Student> agree to the use of my personal information for purposes consistent with the above.
- CheckBox No – I <Student> do not agree to the use of my personal information for purposes consistent with the above

- 12. I agree that under FOIPPA, the School District has the legal authority to collect personal information about students and their families for educational and related purposes. The personal information collected by the School District may include images of identifiable students including class photos, individual photos, sporting, and special event photos. It is a tradition in the School District to publish student names and/or photographs of individual students and groups of students commemorating events, or promoting or celebrating participation in various educational, sports and cultural activities. Students' names, photographs and comments may be published in the School yearbook, newsletters, honour rolls, programs, calendars, annual reports, and the School or School District webpage. While such activities promote student achievement and accomplishments, the School District recognizes that there may be sensitivities to publishing such images where they name and/or identify students. Accordingly, I agree that my child's name, photograph or comments relating to these types of School activities may be used for these purposes.

Please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I agree to the use of my child's personal information for purposes consistent with the above.
- CheckBox No – I do not agree with the use of my child's personal information for purposes consistent with the above.

Student please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I <Student> agree to the use of my personal information for purposes consistent with the above.
- CheckBox No – I <Student> do not agree to the use of my personal information for purposes consistent with the above.

- From time to time, teachers may use various websites and applications that store data outside Canada, such as Google Docs, Prezii, or NoodleBib. Parents and students must be aware that student information may reside on servers not located in Canada and their consent is required to use such websites. Students are expected to use their school district-assigned email address and follow teacher guidelines when using website applications.

Parent please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I give my consent for my child, for learning purposes, to use website applications where servers are located outside Canada.
CheckBox No – I do not give my consent for my child, for learning purposes, to use website applications where servers are located outside Canada.

Student please initial: _____

- CheckBox Yes – I <Student> give my consent for learning purposes, to use website applications where servers are located outside Canada.
CheckBox No – I <student> do not give my consent, for learning purposes, to use website applications where servers are located outside Canada..

Termination of Participation in International Program

- I understand that my child’s participation in the International Programs may be terminated at the discretion of the Administrators of the International Programs without any refund of fees, and that my child may be sent home at my expense if he or she does not adhere to the School District rules, standards, and instructions as set forth in the school’s agenda, handbook and this Agreement and any related policies or guidelines.
- I agree that the School District is not liable for any loss suffered by my child or me as a result of any labour dispute that may affect the delivery of an educational program.

TERMS THAT APPLY WHEN PARTICIPATING IN HOMESTAY PROGRAM

- As a participant in the School District’s International Program Homestay option, the terms and conditions set out in this part will apply.
- The student agrees to follow the Host Family guidelines outlined in the Student Orientation Manual, and the house rules of the host family.
- The student agrees that in the event of a problem or disagreement with his or her host family, which cannot be resolved, the Host Family Coordinator will be notified promptly for assistance.
- The student agrees to cooperate with his/her homestay and respect their rules and guidelines.
- The student agrees to complete the student travel request form, with his/her Host Parent(s), at least five (5) days before departure and receive approval from the School District’s International Student Program District Principal or designate.
- The student will be provided basic Internet access including wifi at no cost, subject to reasonable limits on data usage.
- The student will be provided with a key to the house (and to their bedroom, if a lock is installed).
- The student understands that s/he is ultimately responsible for all of his/her own personal entertainment costs and personal supplies, including school stationary supplies.
- 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 his/her Host Family. The student will never have visitors/friends stay overnight in their bedroom or elsewhere without prior permission from the Host Family and/or Homestay Coordinator. The student will not stay overnight other than in the Host Family home without prior permission from the Host Parents and/or the Homestay Coordinator.
- The student will 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. The student agrees to follow all house rules regarding behavior, curfews, attendance at meals, etc. and to occasionally share in the performance of household duties normally undertaken by the household's own children.
- The student understand that the Host Family will provide guidance and supervision to the student consistent with that which would be provided by a careful and prudent parent.
- The School District may at any time change the Homestay arrangements, including, without limitation, moving the student to a different Host Family.

PROVISIONS THAT APPLY TO THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT

Forum for Dispute Resolution

- I agree that any dispute arising under the interpretation, application or performance of this agreement or in any way arising out of my child’s participation in the School District’s International Programs will be resolved in a British Columbia Court and I agree that I will not bring proceedings in any other court or jurisdiction and irrevocably attorn to the jurisdiction of British Columbia courts.

Release

- I waive and release all claims against the School District for injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from my child’s participation in the School District’s International Programs. I also release the School District and agree to indemnify it, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that the School District may incur as a result of claims by others, or that my child may personally have or incur, or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that my child may cause while participating in the International Programs.

30. I understand that the School District is not responsible for any loss or injury suffered by my child or me. If my child becomes ill or incapacitated, the School District may take such actions as it considers necessary, including securing medical treatment and transporting my child home at his or her own expense. I release the School District from all liability related to such actions.

Consent to Medical Treatment

31. I authorize the School District and, if applicable, my child's Homestay Parents to consent to any x-ray examination, anaesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment or hospital care which is deemed advisable by and is rendered under the general supervision of any licensed physician or surgeon, whether such treatment or diagnosis is rendered at the office of such physician or at a hospital.
32. It is understood that this authorization is not given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the School District to give specific consent to any and all such diagnoses, treatment or hospital care such physician may deem advisable.

Amendment

33. This Agreement with the School District cannot be modified or interpreted except in writing by the School District.

Please Complete the Agreement Below:

I, _____ [Parent/Guardian (circle one)], agree to the participation of _____ (Name of Student) on the terms set out in this agreement and I have read and understand the terms of this international student agreement and agree to comply with this agreement and that these terms and conditions are binding on me and on _____ (Name of Student).

Signature [Parent/Guardian (circle one)]

Date

I, _____ (Name of Student) have read and understood the terms of this international student agreement and agree to comply with this agreement and that these terms and conditions are binding on me.

Signature

Date