



Vernon International
Student Program

School District No.22 (Vernon)
International Student Program

1401 – 15th Street
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM
HOST FAMILY AGREEMENT 2025-26

Between:

School District No. 22 (Vernon)
International Student Program

-and-

Please print name(s)

The authority of the School District under this agreement is exercised by Ms. Tracy Godfrey, Principal of the International Student Program.

In consideration of the student being admitted to the International Student Program (ISP) and assigned to a Host Family, and in consideration of the promises set out in the agreement, the parties agree to and undertake the following:

1. Financial Considerations:

- I will abide by the program guidelines re: amount of homestay honorarium.
- Fees will be paid according to the schedule and deposited via bank transfer into your bank account.
- For those times when a student arrives or leaves early, you will be paid a daily rate.
- The Host Family cannot charge any additional fees to the student.
- The student must pay for any **willful** damage that he or she causes to the property of any Homestay Family members, with the exception of normal wear and tear, and faulty equipment.
- Students and Host Family members may not lend or borrow money from each other.
- The student must pay for all charges, such as long-distance telephone, including charges that arrive after the student has left (ask student to use their own phones or phone cards).

2. Host Families are expected to provide a personal bedroom, suitably furnished, three nutritious meals a day and snacks. As well, students should expect reasonable use of the common areas of the house and facilities.
3. Students are required to leave their homestay after completion of their program except under special circumstances. Homestay families will not be paid beyond June 30th unless the "Summer Homestay Request Form" has been submitted, approved, and all fees have been collected.
4. I will submit my name and all household members age 19 and older, for a Criminal Record Check and understand the cost is my responsibility. Should an adult subsequently take up residence in the household, they will also require a Criminal Record Check. A Criminal Record Check is required every five years. The Offence Declaration Form needs to be completed yearly except the year you have completed a Criminal Record Check with the Ministry of Justice.
5. I understand that the Homestay Coordinator will move a student if a move is in the best interest of the student. Moves may occur with as little as one day's notice and generally occur on the 15th and last day of the month.
6. I will not allow my student to drive any motorized vehicle, including my family or business car.
7. I will not allow my student to drive with an L or N driver. All drivers must have a Class 5 full licence.
8. I am aware that I am responsible for arranging adequate liability and content insurance to cover an international student living in my home and riding in my car. All households or homeowner's policies require the owner to notify the insurer of any change in risk.
9. I will contact the Homestay Coordinator and Principal of International & Homestay Programs should significant problems with students occur.
10. I will keep all information about students confidential as required under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. Personal information about students will be shared only with the Principal or Vice Principal of International & Homestay Programs, or Homestay Coordinator.
11. I will act as a judicious, caring parent, and regard my international student as a family member. This will include such family responsibilities as transporting students to activities as I would provide for my own child.
12. International students, while adjusting to our culture and school, make judgments and assumptions about their host family situations. They tend to share this information with others. If this occurs, I agree to direct my concerns to the Homestay Coordinator, and I will not involve other Host Families.
13. I will provide an environment conducive to homework completion and studying and will provide supportive interest in the student's school progress. If academic difficulties are encountered, I will advise the School International Teacher or the International Principal or designate.
14. I will provide the student with a house key and instructions regarding home safety.
15. I will provide an English only environment for the students in my care.

16. If I host an international student from another program e.g. Okanagan College, this information will be provided to the Homestay Coordinator.
17. I understand that hosting a student this year does not automatically guarantee I will host a student in the future.
18. Occasionally students will express dissatisfaction with the Vernon School District International Student Program or a desire to move to another program. If I become aware of a situation like this, I will contact the Homestay Coordinator immediately.
19. I agree to have email and Wi-Fi access available for supervised student use and for allowing regular communication with the District Principal/Homestay Coordinator.
20. I will set clear, reasonable, and age-appropriate rules for the student and ensure they are clearly understood.
21. I will set curfew times based on the recommended times:

Grade 10-12	Sunday-Thursday 9:00 pm; Friday and Saturday – 11:00 pm
Grade 8-9	Sunday-Thursday 8:00 pm; Friday and Saturday – 10:00 pm
Grade 7 and less	Students will need earlier curfews.
22. I agree there will be no sleepovers on school nights and the student will be limited to one night on weekends unless there are special circumstances.
23. I understand that I must **never** leave the student alone and unsupervised overnight, regardless of the student's age. It is my responsibility to arrange supervision for the student. If I am going to be out of the Okanagan Valley I will advise my Homestay Coordinator.
24. I will immediately advise the Homestay Coordinator and Principal or Vice Principal of International and Homestay Programs of any medical emergency or accident.
25. I acknowledge that students are not to purchase, possess, or use drugs or alcohol and I agree to contact the Homestay Coordinator directly and immediately should this issue arise. Further, I will not provide alcohol or drugs in any situation to my student. I understand that purchase, possession, and/or use of drugs or alcohol will result in the removal of the student from the International Student Program.
26. I understand that smoking and vaping is discouraged in the International Student Program; however, some students may be of legal age and choose to smoke.
27. In circumstances where an incompatibility exists between the student and host family, the Homestay Coordinator will determine if a satisfactory solution can be found. If necessary, I understand that my student will be moved.
28. In the event of an emergency, the student will be moved without notice and without compensation to the Host Family. An emergency situation could be, but is not limited to:
 - Inappropriate touching of the student

- Illicit drugs or other illegal items in the home
- Inadequate meals, care, or supervision
- Physical fighting or other inappropriate altercations in the home
- Abusive, aggressive, or disrespectful behavior toward the student

29. I will not allow my visiting student to participate in any extreme sport such as bungee jumping, mountain climbing, or sky diving.

30. I will inform my student that 'hitch-hiking' is dangerous and illegal.

31. I am aware that students are NOT permitted to travel unaccompanied by an adult unless the Student Travel Form has been completed and approved by the Principal of the International Student Program or designate.

32. I understand that I am required to attend a Host Family orientation once per school year.

33. I understand that I will receive at least one homestay visit per school year by the Homestay Coordinator.

The Host Family agrees to abide by these terms and understands and agrees that failure to comply with the terms of the agreement may result in the immediate removal of the student from the home and the forfeiture of compensation that has been paid in advance for services.

I am aware that the Principal, Ms. Tracy Godfrey (or her designate) is the legal custodian for all International Students in the Vernon School District and the decision maker in regard to the student's care.

Incidents that have included the International Administrative team's input must have the follow through and support from their Host Family.

I am aware that as a host parent I am responsible for the daily care, proper supervision and protection of the student, and could be held legally responsible for a breach of my duties.

Parent One:

Parent Two:

(please print)

(please print)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date