



VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Learning on the Edge of Canada



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Information for Homestay Applicants

What are homestay parents expected to provide in terms of accommodation?

As a homestay parent, you are expected to provide:

- A private bedroom (up to 2 students/bedroom w/ separate beds)
- three wholesome meals a day and snacks as required
- a quiet, adequately lit and heated study space (could be in bedroom)
- hot water and facilities for daily bathing
- laundry (you may expect a student to do their own laundry if you wish)
- access to the common living areas of the house

What are homestay parents expected to provide in terms of emotional support?

- emotional support if the student suffers from homesickness, difficulties at school, loneliness or “teenage ennui”;
- academic support (help with homework if possible, communication with teachers, attendance at teacher interviews);
- inclusion of the student in family outings, special occasions, recreational activities
- Training and support will be available from us for the asking

What are homestay parents expected to provide in terms of supervision?

- School district 84’s International Student Program expects that students will follow all of the laws of our province, rules of our schools, socially appropriate behaviours and the family guidelines of your home.
- Students have many obligations and responsibilities to us and must sign a participation agreement that they will follow these rules.
- Host families are expected to follow our guidelines & the laws of our province; enforce curfews and safety rules; communicate expectations clearly; listen carefully to teenager’s needs; respect confidentiality; and be culturally sensitive;
- Contact the Homestay Coordinator for help if problems arise.