

# HOME STAY EXPECTATIONS



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## EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

While you are in Canada, your Home stay parents are responsible for your physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Students are expected to conform to the normal rules of family life and contribute to the routine operation of the household.

International students are expected to attend a Christian Church regularly and to be involved in its programs.

It is the student's responsibility to try to make the Home stay experience a successful one. If there are concerns please try to discuss it first with your Home stay parents. If problems cannot be resolved the Home stay Coordinator and/or Principal will assist you.

You will have your own room which will be furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, closet and bed linens. It is your responsibility to keep your own room clean and tidy. Remember, you are not a "guest", you are part of a family. You may be asked to do your own laundry and be asked to prepare your own breakfast and lunch. You are not staying at a hotel where maid service is provided. The expectations for an International Student will be similar to those that the family has for their own, similar age children.

Curfew may vary with the age of the student. It is recommended that curfew be 10:00 p.m. on week nights and 11:30 on weekends.

**Weekdays:** School nights are generally work nights. Time in the evening will be required for homework and study. Exceptions would be family outings and school events.

**Weekends:** Destinations, transportation and activities must be approved by your Home stay parent. Overnight stays outside the family home and out of town travel must be approved by your Home stay parents and/or Home stay Coordinator or principal.

Students will have access to the telephone just as any other family members. Phone calls are restricted to 15 minutes a call. Internet usage is only allowed in a supervised area in the home. You must pay for all long distance calls you make. (It would be good to arrange for a calling card.)

International Students are expected to arrange for their own medical coverage. The school requires proof of insurance.

Cost of Home stay will be a minimum of \$800.00 per month. It is recommended that students pay the host family on a semester basis or by whatever means is agreed to by the host family.

Students who reserve a room over the summer may be expected to pay \$300 per month while away.

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## EXPECTATIONS OF HOST FAMILIES

Hosting international students is a wonderful opportunity to develop a friendship with someone of a totally different culture. The friendship grows from an understanding and acceptance of two different cultures which the student and family introduce to each other.

Expectations of host families are the following:

To provide a safe, secure, Christian home environment for the student.

To provide consistency between the home and the school so the vision of the Christian is encouraged. In as much as possible, to ensure the students abides by the school's Code of Conduct.

To ensure the student develops a relationship with a local church and its programs. Home stay families should also involve their student in regular family devotional time.

House members are to be proficient in English and are to speak English when the student is present.

All household members agree to host a student.

Host families shall provide nutritional, well-balanced meals.

Host families should not expect students to maintain their house or yard; or baby sit their children or cook their meals. The expectation for the student is to adhere to the same rules and expectations as children of similar age in the host family.

Household members should be willing to involve the students in activities and outings.

Household members do not abuse alcohol or drugs.