



DURHAM CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL

HOME STAY EXPECTATIONS

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

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

International students are expected to participate in religious activities with the host family.

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 p.m. 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.) Home stay parents may disable internet access at 11:00 p.m. each evening.

International Students receive health insurance through the school office.

School Uniforms: Students are required to purchase a school uniform before the start of classes. School uniform information is listed on the school website under the UNIFORMS tab or click [here](#).

Cost of Home Stay will be a minimum of \$800.00 per month.

International Students planning to return to Durham Christian High School for the following school year and hoping to continue to live at their Home Stay location will be charged \$600 in order to have their room reserved and their possessions stored over the summer months. Fee to be paid to the school and forwarded to the Home Stay family.

International Students who plan to stay in Canada over the summer months and continue to live at their Home Stay location may expect to pay their Home Stay family \$800 per month for the months of July and August. Fee to be paid to the school and forwarded to the Home Stay family.

All Home Stay locations have a no-smoking policy on their property.

The request of a student to move to an alternate Home Stay location will be considered only under circumstances which are very severe and difficult. The school will not guarantee the availability of alternate Home Stay locations. The principal retains the right to assess a student up to four months additional Home Stay fees should a move be arranged.



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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.

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.

Host families shall provide transportation to medical facilities should the need arise.

Host families shall offer guidance to the student to set up bank account.

Household members over the age of eighteen must provide a criminal reference check to the office.

Household members must complete the form regarding the Abuse Policy of Durham Christian High School. This form is found [here](#)

The principal of D.C.H.S. serves as the Custodian of International Students under the age of eighteen. In the event of difficulties or tensions, the home stay family or the student is encouraged to be in contact with the principal.