



International Student Program



Student Participation Agreement

This agreement is between:

**The Board of Education of School District #79 Cowichan Valley
(referred to as Cowichan Valley School District)**

and

Student Name (please print)
and

Parent 1 or Guardian (please print)

Parent 2 or Guardian (please print)

Upon acceptance as an International Student by the Board of Education of the Cowichan Valley School District and parents accept all of the terms and conditions set out in this agreement.

By signing this agreement the student and parents hereby agree to be bound by and to honour its terms and conditions.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

I, _____ (student name), agree as follows:

A. LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. I agree to abide by the laws of Canada, and, where applicable, the laws of British Columbia, while a resident.

2. I will always respect cultural differences and understand that Canada is a multicultural country. I understand that discrimination based on nationality, gender, and political or religious affiliation is illegal in Canada.
3. I agree not to purchase, use, or have in my possession, which includes my Host Family premises, school locker, any drugs not prescribed for me by a doctor. This includes all hallucinogenic substances, but does not include non-prescription remedies for minor illnesses such as colds.
4. I agree not to purchase, use, or have in my possession, which includes my Host Family premises, school locker, any alcoholic beverages.
5. I agree not to purchase, use, or have in my possession, which includes my Host Family premises, school locker, any weapons including firearms, air guns, knives, or martial arts implements.
6. I agree to respect the property of others and understand that any theft is a breach of the law.
7. I agree not to engage in fighting, bullying, racial taunting or similar activity.
8. I agree that I will not own, rent, or drive a motor vehicle.

B. ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL WORK

1. I agree to attend school on a daily basis. I understand that it is my responsibility to have my Host Family parent(s) phone the school for any excused absence from school.
2. I understand that it is my responsibility to make up any missed assignments due to absence from class.
3. I agree to be prepared for all classes, and complete all homework or class assignments.
4. I agree to make a consistent and determined effort in my course work, to attempt to maintain passing grades, and to maintain good work habits in all subjects.
5. I must not withdraw from courses with consent of school officials, and may not substitute online courses for the equivalent in-class course.
6. I agree to obey all school rules as outlined in my school's student handbook.
7. I must comply with the School District internet appropriate use and privately owned electronic devices appropriate use policies.

C. HOST FAMILY CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE THE HOME AND SCHOOL

1. I will cooperate with my Host Family and respect their rules and guidelines.
2. I agree not to move from my assigned Host Family and that any move to another Host Family is arranged through the Homestay Coordinators.
3. In the event of a problem or disagreement with my Host Family, I agree to promptly notify the Homestay coordinator who will attempt to resolve any concern. I understand that I must be open to resolution before a move will be considered.
4. If I want to travel outside the Cowichan Valley in Canada, I will complete the Travel Request form with my Host Parents, and submit to the program principal for approval 10 days prior to departure. I understand that cross border travel is not allowed except in special situations.
5. I agree not to visit such places as adult theatres, pornographic websites and /or purchase and consume alcohol or narcotics.
6. I have read and understand the International Student Program Code of Conduct.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

I/we, as parents/guardians of the undersigned student, do hereby confirm that we have reviewed with our child the terms and conditions of this agreement which our child has signed and agreed to honour, and we agree that our child and we shall be bound by all the terms of this agreement.

**I/we, as parents/guardians understand that having signed this agreement, failure of my student to follow the above rules could result in disciplinary action and/or immediate dismissal from the Cowichan Valley School District International Program.
Should it be necessary to send my child home, I understand that the Canadian Embassy will be notified immediately and we will be responsible for paying all costs associated with their return to the home country.**

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

PARENT DECLARATION AND RELEASE FORM

1. We affirm that the information in this Medical Record is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. _____ *Initial*
2. We hereby accept that in case of emergency the host parent, or the Principal of the International Program, or designate, may authorize on our behalf any necessary medical treatment for our child without personal liability. _____ *Initial*
3. We consent to the sharing information about my child's health with the program staff and our child's host families. We authorize the Cowichan Valley School District to release this information to the host family (or host families) with whom homestay placement is sought. We understand that within the Cowichan Valley School District, the program staff and senior administrators will have access to this information. _____ *Initial*

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Medical Authority and Release

We as parents/guardians of the undersigned student do hereby authorize the District Principal or designate or homestay parents to consent to any medical examination, diagnostic procedure and treatment for our child which is deemed advisable by, and is rendered, under the general supervision of any licensed physician. The physician and every other provider of medical services is authorized to release information to the District Principal or designate or homestay parent.

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 which the aforesaid mentioned physician or surgeon in the exercise of their best judgment may deem advisable.

New students are covered by private medical (GuardMe) for 3 months before going on BC MSP. All short-term students are covered by GuardMe for their entire stay. GuardMe does not cover pre-existing conditions, nor does it cover chronic ongoing conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. Students with either pre-existing or chronic ongoing conditions must arrive with adequate private insurance, at their own cost, to cover these conditions. Cowichan Valley School District is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the student as a result or failure to have adequate insurance.

Student's initials

Parent/Guardian's initials

Refund Policy

In the event that I decide to leave the International Education Program for personal reasons, I agree that no fees will be refunded. In all cases, the application & homestay placement fees will be retained to cover administrative expenses. The following refund policy will apply for each student:

Within 60 days prior to program start 75% refund

Within 30 days of starting in the program 50% refund

After 30 days of starting in the program 0% refund

Full refund if the visiting student authorization is not approved by Canadian Immigration and supporting documentation of this rejection is supplied (student must provide letter of rejection by High Commission).

Absolutely NO refund of fees will be granted if student is in violation of Program Code of Conduct or Participation Agreement.

A \$500 processing fee will apply to all refunds.

Parent/Guardian's initials

General Release

We, the undersigned, do waive and release all claims against the Cowichan Valley School District for the injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from the student's participation in the International Student Program. We also release the Cowichan Valley School District and agree to indemnify them, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that the applicant may personally incur, or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that the applicant may cause while participating in the International Student Program.

We hereby authorize the International Student Program to take and/or allow pictures, video, and/or the name of the student to be taken/used for marketing or promotional material for the program, school, or district, including recruitment material, publications, yearbooks, presentations (electronic and printed), educational material, and other related material. We hereby authorize the program to take and/or allow pictures, video, and/or the name of the student to be taken/used for the program website, the school or district website, in newsletters, on program, school or district-authorized social media sites, and on other program-, district-, or school-authorized communication tools. We hereby authorize the program to allow the local media or district staff (or personnel authorized by the district), to take the student's photograph, video, and use the student's name in relation to a news or human-interest story.

We understand that there are risks with the student enrolling in the international program and that the student will not be under constant supervision. We understand that the student may wish to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports teams, field trips, or school clubs. We give permission for the student to participate in such activities if the Custodian in their discretion considers such activity appropriate. We understand that health and medical emergencies can occur without warning. We voluntarily assume the risk that the student may suffer illness, injury, or another emergency and agree that we will not bring any claim against the Cowichan Valley School District or any of its employees for any injury suffered by the student while participating in the international program.

We understand that the Cowichan Valley School District is not responsible for any loss or injury suffered by the student during periods of travel. If the student becomes ill or incapacitated, the Cowichan Valley School District may take such actions as it considers necessary, including securing medical treatment and transporting the student home at their own expense. We release the Cowichan Valley School District from all liability related to such actions.

We understand that the student's participation in the Program may be terminated at the discretion of the Principal of the International Student Program without any refund of fees, and that the student may be sent home at their own expense if they do not adhere to the Cowichan Valley School District rules, standards and instructions as set forth in the school's agenda, handbook and the International Student Participation agreement and Code of Conduct. This agreement with the Cowichan Valley School District cannot be modified or interpreted except in writing by the International Student Program office.

Parent/Guardian's initials

WAIVER

1. It is a term of this application that everything stated in the application is true and will be relied upon by the Cowichan Valley School District when offering a place to the student in the International Program.
2. Any inaccuracy in the application will be grounds to permit the Cowichan Valley School District, at its option, to terminate the agreement and send the student home (without any refund and at the parent's own expense).
3. All International Students must conform to the Participation Agreement and Code of Conduct. Any breach of this Participation Agreement or Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the program.
4. If it is determined by the Cowichan Valley School District that the student's educational or homestay needs are greater than disclosed in the application process, the Cowichan Valley School District can send the child home at the parent's expense.
5. The student and parent warrant that the student applicant has no history of criminal behaviour, specifically including sexual impropriety.
6. Although Canada and the Cowichan Valley are very safe by world standards and our international student will be generally supervised both at school and by the homestay family, such supervision will not be constant and the Cowichan Valley School District will not be liable for any costs or damages whatsoever.
7. The Cowichan Valley School District is not liable for any loss suffered by the student as a result of any labour dispute that may affect the delivery of an educational program.
8. All disputes must be resolved through the courts of the Province of British Columbia if the parties cannot resolve the dispute between themselves.
9. Signature of this disclaimer indicates a waiver of all future claims related to the student's program of study and involvement in the Cowichan Valley School District International Student Program.

I have read the International Student Program Participation Agreement and Waiver and agree to fulfill all my obligations as set out. I also agree to both the medical release authorization and to the agreement and release clause.

Name of Student	Student's Signature	Date

I/we the parents/guardians of the student signing above ('our child') have read all the information on this form including both the medical release authorization and the agreement and the release of the International Student Program Participation Agreement plus the Waiver and I/we agree that we will use our best efforts to ensure that our child honours all the obligations set out and we agree to be bound by the release and authorizations.

Name of Parent/Guardian	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date

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