



December 2016, Homestay Newsletter

## Student Travel

Students may not travel independently (unless they are returning to their home countries). If students plan to travel, they must be accompanied by a responsible adult (25 years or older) and have permission from the natural parent(s). This travel arrangement must be approved by the ISP team. Students must request a travel form from their International Student Coordinators at their school. If the student is planning to travel during the holidays, **the travel form must be submitted by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### CURFEWS

Sunday to Thursday – Curfew is 8 pm.

Friday and Saturday – Curfew is 11 pm.

If there are specific activities (eg. a 9 pm movie that will not let out until 11:15 pm) during the holiday, that your student would like to attend, and if you are completely comfortable with a slight change in curfew, (eg. you are not having to get up early the next morning for work) and will ensure that you pick up your student from where ever they are, then a change in curfew could be arranged.

\*Remember: text messaging can also be used as way of communication with your student.



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### International Student Support Program (ISSP)

As part of the overall benefits provided by Guard.Me the International Student Support Program (ISSP) provided by Shepell is included.

Shepell is a leading ISSP service provider and offers a wide range of confidential and voluntary support services to assist our students with resolving everyday challenges, complex issues, and everything in between. The ISSP is completely confidential within the limits of the law.

The program provides access to Short-term Professional Counselling for personal and emotional issues. Students can chose from a variety of delivery methods to best suit the student's comfort level and life style including, E-Counselling, First Chat (instant online chat with a counsellor), Video and Text-based self-paced.

Students can call 1-844-451-9700 or visit [workhealthlife.com](http://workhealthlife.com) and sign up using "Langley School District #35 International ISSP as the organization name in to order access the ISSP services and resources.

This service is available for all ISP students.

## International Student Program Website

Please take some time to check out our website. There is a lot of useful information for you on it, such as Homestay Newsletters, Student District Orientation Schedule, etc.

<http://www.studyinlangley.com/>

## New Homestay Contract

We have updated the homestay contract; please make sure that you read the new/updated contract.

<http://www.studyinlangley.com/wp-content/uploads/Homestay-Agreement-Revised-21.11.16-Fillable.pdf>

If you haven't signed a homestay contract please do so and send it to your homestay coordinator directly.



### Rules and expectations pertaining to weekend and special event parties



District Homestay families and students must ensure the following:

1. Students must make prior arrangements with homestay parents and the International School Coordinator.
2. Homestay families must make sure there is adult (25 years and older) supervision in the home, please call to confirm.
3. Please remind your student that participation with alcohol and drugs is in direct violation of their program rules.
4. Please ensure student has a safe travel plan to return home – pick up by you or another district homestay parent (Please confirm this plan with this district homestay parent).
5. The student will return by curfew – 11 pm on Friday or Saturday (pg. 17 [Homestay handbook](#)). \* If there are specific activities it could be extended at the discretion of the homestay family **and/or** the International Student Coordinator.

## Case Study

**Question:** My homestay student is moving out, I didn't have the best experience and I want to share my experience and challenges while hosting the student with the new family. I want them to have complete understanding.

**Answer:** We understand that many times intentions are for good; however we must respect the privacy of each student.

As per our homestay agreement form "Privacy of Homestay information as well as student information is vital. I agree to not disclose/discuss personal and/or medical information of a student and/or homestay to another student and/or homestay without the express permission of the International Department". It is best to have the homestay coordinator deal with the other family.

It may not have worked with your family, however all families are different that's why we need the diversity of families. We also need families to be open minded and accepting.

Many students who are not a good fit in one family environment may be a great match for another family environment.

## "Contact Winter Music Festival"

Homestay families with students interested in attending the "Contact Winter Music Festival" concert

<http://contact-festival.com/> please contact your School Coordinator to obtain the appropriate Permission form. This form must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

