



October 2016 Homestay Newsletter

A few reminders:

Reminder: Please ensure that your student(s) do have their Guard Me/MSP cards with them in their wallets.

This will help the process for them at the clinic/hospital.



Please do not phone the school and excuse your student unless they are legitimately ill. Students should not be staying home unless they have permission to do so.



Curfew

Sunday to Thursday – Curfew is 8 pm.

Friday and Saturday – Curfew is 11 pm.

NON NEGOTIABLE

Pro-D days curfew is at the homestay families discretion but cannot be later than 11 pm.

Driving

ISP students are not allowed to own, drive, or borrow any vehicle. Students may not be a passenger in a car who is not a district homestay family without permission from ISP coordinator and/or ISP office. Students may only drive in cars when the driver has a full license (not an 'L' or 'N' status).

Grade 12 students can take driving lessons with an accredited driving school but they may not practice driving with anyone but the driving instructor from the driving school.



Please check with your student to see if their school is attending Fright Night at the PNE. If so please remember this is an evening activity which requires prompt pick up by homestay families. Thank you in advance.

Rules and expectations pertaining to weekend and special event parties (Halloween).

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 an 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 the other 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 **in consultation with** the International Student Coordinator.



For Students Travelling Overnight Outside Langley:

1. Student gets the TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM from the School Coordinator
 2. Student gets a copy of their travel companion's government issued photo ID
 3. Student fills out all details and completes the form and asks homestay parent to sign off
 4. Student submits both documents to the School Coordinator at least 5 business days ahead of time
 5. School Coordinators will inform the student about whether the trip is OK'd or not
- If the student is going somewhere outside the Lower Mainland with the homestay family such as Whistler, Kelowna, camping etc. then the homestay family should simply send an email to both the school coordinator and the homestay coordinator so we know where kids/families are. If the trip is out of province or involves anything risky like skiing, waterskiing etc. then a letter of permission from the natural parent is also required.
 - If the student is crossing an international border, they also need a letter from the natural parent giving permission to cross that border on those dates (some border guards are asking for this). That letter from the natural parent should accompany submission of the application to SBO. Students who travel into the states MUST purchase extra medical insurance if they have MSP coverage. If the student is on Guard Me then no extra coverage is required. (BCAA has a cheap plan for about \$2.00) often available online. School coordinator or homestay parent must verify that extra coverage is bought and the student is carrying those documents across the line.
 - Some students will require special visas to enter the states, they should check well ahead of time
 - Students should carry with them their passport and study permit, Letter of Acceptance to Langley, medical insurance card, and a copy of the letter from the natural parent allowing border crossing with homestay or the designated adult.

NEW

CASE STUDY:

Each homestay Newsletter will feature a typical story of things that come up in Homestay world. Have fun with these and see if you know the correct answer before reading the actual answer to the question:

QUESTION: I have a student living in my home who has chronic stomach problems. I took her to see our family doctor and the doctor would like her to see a specialist. Can I go ahead and make the appointment?

ANSWER: Thanks for caring for your student's health but a homestay parent is not the legal custodian of the student; the Langley School District is the actual legal custodian. So we will have to make the determination about whether to pursue further medical intervention for a student. Please call a homestay coordinator to discuss these kinds of situations. This is also true when it comes to report cards. Although lots of students are happy to share their report cards with their homestay families, the report cards cannot be sent from the school to the homestay families and can only be sent to the custodian or parent/agent (in line with the Freedom of Information/ Privacy Act).

A "custodian" has the responsibility to ensure that students are placed in a suitable home with quality care and supervision. Custodians will deal with issues that arise, ensure that students know and follow the rules for ISP students, and will maintain communication with the child's natural parents overseas.

Victoria Trip – November 4 – 5 (1 night)

\$175

Deadline October 14

All day sightseeing of Victoria, Parliament Buildings, Provincial Museum, and Waterfront Shopping.

Please make sure you are aware of the pick-up time, and that you are available to pick up your student on that day, or that you have made carpooling arrangements.

Please do not rely on our staff members to drop off your student at home. Thank you for your cooperation.



Student Safety Tips:

Teal Pumpkin <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/heres-what-a-teal-pumpkin-means-this-halloween/333687645>



Langley RCMP: Concerning Incident in Aldergove

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/alerts/langley-rcmp-concerning-incident-in-aldergove/?platform=hootsuite>