

## SECTION 4: International Student Responsibilities

International students coming to B.C. and entering a homestay should:



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International students are students from outside Canada who do not meet the Ministry of Education's funding eligibility requirements and typically pay international student tuition fees to the school district or independent school. Many international students will have to obtain the authorization of the Canadian government to enter Canada with the intention of pursuing studies longer than six months.

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1. Abide by all rules/guidelines established by the homestay program provider when staying with a host family arranged by that provider.
2. Engage with the host family and the school and seek out opportunities to become involved in the school and family life.
3. Communicate regularly with their parent/guardian and with their host family.
4. Communicate significant issues or concerns to the host family, parent/guardian, custodian, school principal, vice-principal or teachers, homestay program provider or international school program as appropriate.
5. Understand that the school district or independent school international student program may require a student to move homestays or withdraw from the international student program in cases where accommodation that has been arranged privately is deemed to be unsafe or unsuitable.
6. Respect and be responsible toward the homestay home and property and pay for any damage to family property if found to be responsible for the damage.
7. Understand that there are the following resources regarding child health and safety:
  - A. **B.C. Helpline for Children (Tel: 310-1234)**  
May be called in cases where the international student feels he/she is being mistreated or feels unsafe in the home or at school.
  - B. **Kids Help Phone (Tel: 1-800-668-6868)**  
Provides counselling and mental health support.
  - C. **Kelty Mental Health Resource Center (<http://keltymentalhealth.ca/>)**  
Provides resources regarding mental health issues, substance use, medications and healthy living.