

SECTION 5: PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

An international student's parent/guardian should:

1. Accurately complete the application and in-take materials and disclose all the student's relevant information, including medical conditions and medications, exceptional learning needs, behavioural or other concerns to the homestay program provider and the host family so that they are fully able to support and care for the student for the duration of the homestay.
2. Be familiar with the rules/guidelines established by the homestay program provider arranging the host family placement for the student and help ensure the student abides those expectations.
3. Stay in regular touch with the student to monitor that the student is coping well with the pressures and stresses that come with living and studying in a new country and learning a new language, while giving them the space they need to adapt to new routines.
4. Report significant concerns to the homestay program provider.
5. Understand that the 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, or if the student fails to comply with program/provider regulations and guidelines.
6. Understand that the international student program may require the student to move homestays or leave the program at any time if the student's behaviour in the home is unreasonable or unacceptable, or if the student fails to comply with program/provider regulations and guidelines. Parents may be responsible for bearing the costs of the move or program withdrawal.
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 to report when a child or youth under 19 years of age is being abused or neglected. There is a legal duty to report concerns to a child welfare worker
 - B. **Kids Help Phone (Tel: 1-800-668-6868)**
Provides counselling and mental health support
 - C. **Kelty Mental Health Resource Center (<http://keltymentalhealth.ca>)** *Resources regarding mental health issues, substance use, medications and healthy living*
 - D. **HealthLink BC 8-1-1 Services (Tel: 811)**
Free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line available in B.C.
 - E. **Suicide Crisis Helpline (Text/Tel: 988)**
<https://988.ca> - confidential, free, 24-hour access to responders trained in suicide prevention

Parents are the biological or adoptive parents of an international student. Guardians are persons who have been legally authorized to act in place of the student's parents. The legal guardian is distinct from a custodian.

