



**HOMESTAY CONTRACT**

**BETWEEN:**

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*(please print full names and address)*

(the "Homestay Family")

**AND:**

**Golden Hills School Division No.75  
International Services Program  
Strathmore, Alberta**

("GHSD")

**WHEREAS** GHSD has agreed to place an international student (the "Student") with the Homestay Family in accordance with the international homestay program administered by GHSD (the "Homestay Program") and the Homestay Family has agreed to accept the Student;

**AND WHEREAS** the Homestay Family has: (a) completed and submitted an application form; (b) attended a pre-set interview conducted by GHSD staff; and (c) made arrangements for a home visit and inspection by GHSD.

**NOW THEREFOR**, the Homestay Family understands and agrees to the following:

1. To provide to GHSD, for each member of the Homestay Family aged 18 or older, the following items:
  - (a) child welfare check; and
  - (b) police record check.
2. To provide the Student with a safe, healthy, caring and loving environment during his/her stay in their residence.
3. To arrange for pick up and transportation of the student to and from the Calgary International Airport. If there are more students than the family

- vehicle can accommodate GHSD should be contacted to make alternate transportation arrangements.
4. To provide the Student with a room with a bed, study table and desk, waste paper basket, dresser, closet and the convenient use of washroom. There will be no more than two students in a room.
  5. The Student should also be provided accessibility to internet and a computer if the student does not have one.
  6. That the homestay family will assist the student in establishing local contacts with banking institutions, medical contacts, and identify a safe place in case of emergency (loss of keys, no one home, family emergency, etc.)
  7. That GHSD will compensate the Homestay Family for providing such service at the rate of \$725.00 per calendar month.
  8. That it is against GHSD policy to lend money to the Student, and to do so is at the personal risk of the Homestay Family.
  9. That the Student is not allowed to consume alcohol, be under the influence of alcohol or be in possession of alcohol while in the GHSD program. Purchasing alcohol for underage (under 18 yrs.) children by an adult is a criminal offence and GHSD will take action against any adult breaking this rule.
  10. That the Student is not allowed to smoke while in the Homestay Program home. Purchasing cigarettes for underage (under 18 yrs.) is a criminal offence and GHSD will take action against any adult breaking this rule. An adult Student who smokes must obey all established school rules, community rules, and house rules. Any Student who breaks such rules will be dealt with according to the policy and procedures set by GHSD.
  11. To provide GHSD with written notice to withdraw from the Homestay Program. Reasons for withdrawal are not necessary.
  12. That GHSD will try to facilitate moving students from the homestay residence at the earliest possibility, but that this process may take up to 10 working days.
  13. That the responsibility of the Homestay Family to the Student in terms of the academic performance extends to making certain that the Student:
    - has quiet study time
    - a set study time is to be set and followed

- completes his/her homework
  - is given opportunity to prepare for evaluations (exams, tests, quizzes, etc.)
  - has the support of the Homestay Family during parent/teacher interviews
  - accompany the student and attend the parent teacher interviews
  - has assistance in finding a tutor (Student is responsible for paying the tutor)
14. That student programming is the sole responsibility of GHSD. If questions regarding the Student's program are raised by the Student, it is recommended that the Student speak directly to:
- Director of the program
  - Principal of the school
  - Student counsellor.
15. That the Homestay Family is responsible for local transportation of the Student for social and cultural activities. Transportation to school is the responsibility of GHSD.
16. That three proper and nutritious meals are provided to the Student per day. The Student is also allowed to have snacks in between meals. Lunch is provided by the Homestay Family. Students who choose not to take lunch must provide GHSD with a written note stating that they have chosen to eat in the school cafeteria. The Homestay Family is not obligated or expected to pay for such lunch. If the Homestay Family is unable to provide lunch they must provide the Student with adequate funds to purchase lunch.
17. That the Homestay Family must notify the school if the Student is going to be late or absent from school. Reasons for being late or absent must be provided.
18. That the Student will be treated the same as all Canadian students and will be subject to all the established rules and regulations set by specific schools.
19. That all students have the right to exercise their freedom of religion, spirituality and way of thinking. The Homestay Family will provide and make arrangements for the Student if he/she wishes to participate in his/her cultural, religious and/or spiritual organization.
20. That the Homestay Family will attend all information and orientation sessions and all gatherings organized by GHSD. It is understood that it may not be possible to attend certain functions or events. Prior notice

should be given to GHSD for absenteeism. Reasons do not have to be provided. Notice should be given to:

1. International Services  
Ph: (403) 934-5121
2. Email: accommodations@ghsd75.ca

21. That the Homestay Family will inform GHSD prior to the Student leaving on trips outside of GHSD. The Student must obtain a waiver note from their parents and obtain permission to travel outside the bounds of Alberta. Additionally a waiver form needs to be signed for any sporting events, for example: skating, skiing, horseback riding, all water sports, camping, etc.
22. That the Homestay Family will honor and respect the Student's privacy and freedom of information. Providing information to parents of the Student is the sole responsibility of GHSD.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Accommodations Coordinator

Address:  
Golden Hills School Division No. 75  
435A Highway #1  
Strathmore, Alberta T1P 1J4

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(As to both signatures)

**BY THE HOMESTAY FAMILY**

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Host Parent

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Signature

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Host Parent

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