



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)

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# PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM – 2009/10

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family name Given name(s)

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Native language: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

Grade in Canada: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONTRACT

Every international student and his/her parent(s) must read and agree to the following terms and conditions to be eligible to participate in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (hereafter referred to as "the program").

- 1) International students are subject to all national, provincial and local laws and agree to abide by them. Breaking the law will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- 2) International students may not purchase or use illegal drugs. Possession or use of illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- 3) International students are not permitted to purchase or use alcohol or tobacco products. Possession or use of either product will result in immediate notification of the student's parents and/or agent and may result in dismissal from the program.
- 4) While participating in the program, international students are not permitted to undergo any type of body modification procedure including but not limited to tattooing, piercing and/or branding. Failure to abide by this policy will result in immediate notification of the student's parents and/or agent and may result in dismissal from the program.
- 5) Selkirk Secondary School and David Thompson Secondary School are English-only campuses. International students are expected to speak English at all times while at school. Golden Secondary School is a bilingual campus. Students at Golden Secondary School must speak English or French at all times. Parents and/or agents of international students who repeatedly break these language rules will be notified. Repeated transgressions may lead to dismissal from the program.

- 6) International students are not permitted to participate in any high-risk activities (downhill skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, bungee jumping, white water rafting, etc.) without written consent from their parent(s).
- 7) Academic achievement is a program priority. A minimum of a C+ average is required each semester. Failure to achieve this standard will result in academic probation and notification of the student's parents and/or agent. Failure to achieve this standard for two consecutive semesters may result in dismissal from the program.
- 8) All students must attend classes and be on time. Unexcused absences and/or tardiness will not be tolerated. Repeated transgressions may lead to dismissal from the program.
- 9) International students must earn a minimum of an "S" grade (Satisfactory) for attitude and effort in every class on their report cards. Students who receive an "N" grade (Needs Improvement) on more than one report card may be dismissed from the program at the discretion of school administration.
- 10) International students in the homestay program are not permitted to drive cars while participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program. Furthermore, students are encouraged to be cautious when accepting rides from other students. Parents and/or agents will be notified when international students are discovered to be breaching "N" or "L" permit rules.
- 11) International students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular clubs, activities and program field trips. Parents and/or agents will be notified when students repeatedly choose not to participate to the detriment of their study abroad experience.
- 12) All students must wear helmets when participating in dangerous activities including but not limited to skiing, biking and horseback riding. Parents and/or agents will be notified of non-compliance. Repeated transgressions may lead to dismissal from the program.
- 13) In addition to the above-listed terms and conditions, international students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and all other school rules and regulations as applicable to all students (Canadian and international) at their host school.

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) reserves the right to dismiss from the program any student whose physical and/or mental health, as determined by the administration of the school, compromises the safety or security of the student or those around him/her. Students dismissed from the program for this or any of the above-listed reasons may not be eligible for a refund as determined by the administration of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

_____	_____	_____
Student's name (please print)	Student's signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Father's name (please print)	Father's signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Mother's name (please print)	Mother's signature	Date

**PARENT PERMISSION FOR ACTIVITIES**

By signing the following consent form, I accept full responsibility for my child’s participation in the high-risk activities specified below (please put an “x” on the line of activities you approve):

- |                  |     |                     |     |                |     |
|------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Downhill skiing  | ___ | White water rafting | ___ | Quad/motorbike | ___ |
| Snowboarding     | ___ | Rock climbing       | ___ | Paragliding    | ___ |
| Horseback riding | ___ | Rugby               | ___ | Jet boating    | ___ |
| Snowmobiling     | ___ | Hunting             | ___ | Ice hockey     | ___ |
| Sky diving       | ___ | Bungee jumping      | ___ | Other: _____   |     |

I hereby release School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) including its employees and host families from any and all liability for injuries, damages and/or claims resulting from my child’s participation in these activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Father’s name (please print)                      Father’s signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother’s name (please print)                      Mother’s signature                      Date

Are there any lower-risk activities (e.g. swimming, hiking) that you don’t want your child to participate in?  Yes  No      If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL RELEASE FORM**

Students in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program may have the opportunity to participate in chaperoned trips with their classes, sports teams, host families or the international program itself. By signing the authorization below, you consent to allow your child to participate in any or all of these trips. The signature of one or both parents is required.

I hereby release the School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) including its employees and host families, from any and all liability for injuries, damages and/or claims resulting from my child’s participation in these trips.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Father’s name (please print)                      Father’s signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother’s name (please print)                      Mother’s signature                      Date

Important: students wishing to travel unaccompanied, with friends or with adults other than a designated host family or a School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) staff member may have to obtain special permission from their parents in their home country. By signing this form, the student confirms they will not undertake such travel without permission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student’s name (please print)                      Student’s signature                      Date

## HOMESTAY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Rocky Mountain International Student Program does not charge a homestay placement fee. Airport pickup is also free. Please ensure the Homestay Coordinator has your flight details and scheduled arrival time at Canadian Rockies International Airport (Cranbrook) at least two weeks in advance. If you are arriving via car or bus, please inform the Homestay Coordinator so that alternative arrangements can be made to greet you.

- Homestay fees are \$7500 per year and \$3750 per semester for full-time students and must be paid in advance. Homestay fees for stays shorter than one semester are \$750 per month and must be paid in advance as well.
- Beginning in the 2010/11 school year, all students must post a \$500 program deposit. This money is refundable and will be returned to the student provided the student causes no damage to the home during their stay and that all textbooks, school uniforms, etc. are returned prior to departure. The deposit is waived for the 2009/10 school year.
- Students must give their host family and Homestay Coordinator one full month's notice if they wish to change their homestay placement or leave the Rocky Mountain International Student Program prematurely. If proper notice is not given, the student may forfeit all or part of one month's homestay fees.
- Students must make an effort to participate in family activities to maximize their homestay experience.
- Students are expected to speak English when in the presence of host family members and their guests.
- Students must agree to follow the Homestay Policies and Procedures detailed in the ***International Student Handbook and Homestay Guide\**** and any new guidelines issued by program administration during their stay in School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).
- Students must complete monthly written surveys designed to give program administration feedback on the student's in-school and homestay experience.
- Students must participate in periodic meetings with the Homestay Coordinator while at the school to evaluate the ongoing success of the placement and address any issues that may have arisen. Students must also be available for periodic in-home visits.
- The Rocky Mountain International Student Program reserves the right to move students without notice if a Homestay Coordinator or Program Administrator believes the student's safety and/or security is at risk. Students may also be moved (on short notice or otherwise) in cases of family emergencies and other extenuating circumstances as deemed necessary by a Homestay Coordinator or the Program Administrator. Temporary placements may be required until permanent arrangements can be made.

*Note: all students are encouraged to read the ***International Student Handbook and Homestay Guide*** prior to departure. It includes important information designed to ease the student's transition into life in School District No. 6 and with their host family. This booklet is available for download at [www.sd6international.ca](http://www.sd6international.ca).*

## HOMESTAY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program have the right to:

- a private bedroom with a closet, night table, lamp and bed;
- shared access to a family bathroom;
- Internet access in their home (and reasonable access to it);
- access to a washer and dryer to clean their clothes;
- three meals per day plus intermittent snacks and beverages;
- free use of the telephone for local calls;
- feel safe and secure in their homestay;
- not be harassed, discriminated against or otherwise abused by any member of their host family including resident children and visitors;
- be included in family activities and trips;
- not be subjected to second-hand smoke inside the home.



### STUDENT RIGHTS

Students in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program have the responsibility to:

- show consideration and tolerance to all host family members;
- respect household rules and curfews;
- inform their host family if they will not be home for a meal or will arrive home late;
- invite guests to the home only with the knowledge and permission of the host family;
- consult with the host family before using household appliances or equipment and use them in ways that have been approved by the family;
- not borrow money from host family members;
- clean up after themselves in the home;
- keep their bedrooms neat and tidy;
- use the telephone/computer for reasonable lengths of time;
- exercise consideration and good judgement when interacting with family members;
- not enter host family bedrooms or the bathroom when they are occupied;
- promptly reimburse the host family for damages to household items;
- be tolerant and respectful with regard to race, religion, gender and disabilities;
- never use abusive or sexually-oriented language with host family members;
- never resort to physically threatening or violent behaviour;
- always be suitably clothed in the presence of host family members;
- never participate in the viewing of sexually explicit photos, movies, Internet sites or written materials while in the home;
- never touch host family members in an inappropriate manner;
- not discuss the private matters of the host family outside the home unless it is with the Homestay Coordinator and involves the safety and/or security of the student.



### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rocky Mountain International Student Program is committed to arranging and supporting homestay placements that are safe and secure as well as comfortable and enjoyable for all concerned. School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) employs Homestay Coordinators in Golden, Invermere and Kimberley to ensure the best possible homestay experience for students and their host families.

## HOMESTAY AGREEMENT (acknowledgement and acceptance)

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) reserves the right to ask a student to leave the homestay program at any time if the student's behaviour in the home is unreasonable or unacceptable including but not limited to failing to comply with the above listed Terms and Conditions and/or Student Responsibilities.

### Student Agreement

I understand that School District No. 6 reserves the right to move me from a homestay family without notice if a situation is unsatisfactory or if problems cannot be resolved between family members and me. If I am asked to leave the homestay program, I understand that I may not be entitled to a refund of homestay fees and that I may have to make alternate accommodation arrangements and assume those costs. If I cannot make these arrangements on my own, I may have to withdraw from the Rocky Mountain International Student Program and forfeit my tuition and related fees as well.

I have read the above-listed Terms and Conditions and Student Responsibilities and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not fulfil these commitments I may be asked to leave the homestay program and may not receive a refund of my homestay fees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date