

The program orientation will provide you with sufficient information to help you make good decisions during your participation in Louis Riel School Division's International Student Program.

PART A

HOMESTAY FAMILIES – A SAFE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

- Students will be placed in safe and supportive homestay families.
- Comfortable surroundings and a place to practice English.
- Private bedroom and 3 meals a day.
- Reasonable showering time about 10 minutes; respect the needs of all family members.
- All families are different-respect their differences.

YOUR ROLE – A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

- We hope you become a regular family member.
- You should spend time with your family everyday.
- Keep bedroom clean, prepare some meals, clean dishes and look after your laundry. Pick up your things.
- Other household chores are part of experiencing Canadian life, (cleaning bathroom, vacuuming) and being a part of the family.
- Speak English around your homestay family and Canadian friends.
- Treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
- Follow Homestay Rules.

CURFEWS

- Respect household rules including curfews. A reasonable curfew is 10 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 a.m. on weekends at the latest. Your curfew will be set by your homestay family and it can be earlier.
- Phone Homestay Family if there is a problem.

MAKING SOCIAL PLANS

- Communication is very important. Always let your homestay family know your plans in advance, including where you are going and who you are going with.
- Phone to inform them if your plans have changed.
- Homestay Families can limit your hours of socializing.
- Ask your homestay family first before bringing friends home.

TELEPHONES AND COMPUTERS

- Call "collect", skype or use a phone card.
- Students are responsible for all costs involved with their long distance telephone calls. Your homestay family **CAN NOT** sign a cell phone contract for you.
- Only browse appropriate sites on the web; if unsure of the appropriateness of the site, don't go there!
- Respect Homestay Family rules for the phone and computer.
- Keep your calls and Internet use brief.
- Do not download anything without your family's permission.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM (ISP) GUIDELINES

RELIGION/GENDER

- Respect each other's beliefs about religion.
- Respect each other's gender.

CHANGING FAMILIES AND PROBLEMS

- First ask yourself, "What can I do to adjust?" Think about how you can work things out. You should communicate with your family every day, regardless if you are sad or happy. They will provide support.
- Casual requests to change Homestay Families will not be considered.
- Only requests supported by evidence of a problem will be seriously considered.
- Any concerns regarding Homestay Policies, contact Program personnel directly.

PART B

SMOKING

- Smoking is greatly discouraged by the International Student Program. It is illegal to buy cigarettes in Manitoba if you are younger than 18 years of age.
- Students cannot smoke in a homestay family's house. Most public buildings in Manitoba also do not allow smoking.
- Smoking on school property may lead to school suspension and we would need to notify the natural parents.

ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUGS

- As a participant in our Program you cannot drink alcohol or be associated with illicit drugs or harmful substances in any capacity. You may be deported by the Government of Canada.
- Using false ID is strictly prohibited; be aware of the seriousness of this crime – you may be returned home by the ISP at your parents' expense. You may be deported by the Government of Canada.
- Students may not FOR ANY REASON enter a bar, nightclub, karaoke bar, lounges and pool halls where alcohol might be served.
- Students will not enter a facility that sells liquor or beer.
- **Violations of these rules may mean your medical insurance is invalid, and there will be consequences from the ISP which may include dismissal from the program. You may be returned home by the ISP at your parents' expense. You may be deported by the Government of Canada.**

LAWS

- **ALL CANADIAN LAWS (national, provincial and local) MUST BE FOLLOWED.**
- I agree not to purchase, use, or have in my possession, (which includes my host family premises, and school locker), any weapons including firearms, bullets, air guns, knives or martial arts implements.
- I agree not to engage in fighting, bullying (including cyber-bullying), racial taunting or similar activity. Agree not to take part in any unregulated sports (ultimate/street/organized fighting).
- I will always respect cultural differences and understand that Canada is a multi-cultural country. I understand that discrimination based on nationality, gender, political or religious affiliation is illegal in Canada.

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PART-TIME WORK

- Study Permit states you cannot engage in employment without permission from the Government of Canada.

DRIVER'S LICENSES AND DRIVING

- Students are not allowed to drive any motorized vehicles or take Drivers Education.
- You must wear a seatbelt while in a vehicle.
- Be aware as a pedestrian, driving occurs on the right hand side of the road. Streets are very slippery in the winter! Wait for a car to stop before you step into the street.

PART C

TRAVEL

- Travel should not interfere with academic studies and should be limited to school holidays. An adult 21 years of age or older must be responsible for you during your travel.
- A "Parental Permission to Travel" form signed by the biological parents must be provided to the International Student Program for each trip without your homestay family.
- Travel within Manitoba with the Homestay Family does not require the "Parental Permission to Travel" form.
- Louis Riel School Division is not responsible for you when you travel.
- Store your passport in a safe place. No need to carry passport in Canada. Carry a photocopy instead.
- **If you leave Canada, you are responsible to have the proper immigration documents to return to Canada. This is your responsibility.**

HEALTH CARE / MEDICAL CARD

- Medical Insurance coverage is mandatory for all students.
- Students should review the insurance website to better understand their coverage.
- Any cost incurred is the immediate responsibility of the student.
- Always have your Medical Insurance Card and a claim form with you when you visit the doctor.
- Notify Program personnel of any hospitalization, serious accident or illness.
- Tattoos and Piercing are prohibited without the written consent of your natural parent, as well as the agreement of your homestay parents. The International Student Program cannot accept responsibility for injuries and infections due to these activities.
- Students must not participate in any activity that may be excluded in terms of your health insurance.
- Do not participate in any risky behaviors which will endanger your well-being.

SPENDING MONEY / BUS PASSES

- We recommend you open a personal bank account at a local bank/credit union.
- Do not carry more than \$20 in your pocket/purse at school.
- You are responsible for monitoring your own budget.
- Know where to purchase bus pass
- Have money for a taxi if you are out at night.

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WEATHER / CLOTHING

- Cold weather can be dangerous. Wear proper winter clothing during winter months.
- You are responsible to bring/buy appropriate clothing.
- Dress properly to avoid frostbite, sunburn, and insect bites.
- Listen to the advice of your Homestay Family and ask if you are not sure.
- Use sunscreen and mosquito repellent

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

- Students are encouraged to participate in the Program's scheduled activities. Be sure to have your homestay parent sign your field trip form.

PART D

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND REPORTS

- Regular attendance is expected daily. Be on time, with all materials!
- Use cell phones in class only when teachers allow it. Teachers may take your phone away if you do not follow the rules.
- Share report cards and Parent-Teacher Meeting dates with Homestay Family.
- School Code of Behaviour applies to International Students.
- Do not submit plagiarized (copied) work or copy someone else's answers on tests; you will receive a failing grade.
- Ask teachers for help if you need it.
- If you plan to graduate, we **MUST** have your report cards from your home country. This is your responsibility.
- If you plan to graduate with LRSD, you must meet the graduation requirements.
- During instruction time - there should be no talking. Students are expected to raise their hands if they have a question. Be respectful with your question. Be respectful to the teacher and the other students in the class.
- Use independent work time in class to complete work - there should be no talking and/or socializing.
- Complete all homework and assignments on time.
- If you need clarification or don't agree with a mark/feedback the teacher has given, then speak to the teacher after class individually or make arrangements to see them at noon or after school.
- Understand Fire Drills, Hold & Secure and Lock Down procedures.
- **DO NOT LEAVE ANY MONEY OR VALUABLES UNATTENDED (Gym locker room, cafeteria, classroom, transit bus).**
- **You MUST complete your exams before returning home or you may lose your academic credits.**

Date of Orientation Meeting: _____
Month / Day / Year

International Student Name: _____
(Please print)

International Student's Email Address: _____ Cell Number: _____

Social Media ID Number: _____ WeChat Viber Line Whatsapp Facebook Messenger Other: _____

I agree that I am participating in an academic program. I understand that a successful experience depends on regular class attendance, completion of all homework assignments and participation in activities offered by the schools and the International Student Program. I acknowledge that the Louis Riel School Division reserves the right to dismiss me, and return me home, at my parent's expenses, and without tuition refund, for violating any of the rules set out by the Program.

International Student's Signature: _____