



INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE:

The goal of the Maple Ridge Christian School Homestay Program is to provide a safe, supportive, English-speaking, Christian, family environment for international students attending the school. Our goal is to select host families who meet these criteria. Parents of international students, together with host parents, are encouraged to provide consistency between the home and school so that the vision of the school is supported and advanced.

An excellent homestay environment allows students to improve their English skills within a positive, family environment. It also gives students an opportunity to experience Canadian culture and traditions. It is our prayer that students will have a rich experience and that they will see Christ both in the family and at school.

We believe that these guidelines encourage excellent communication and understanding between homestay parents and their students. It is the intention of this policy to help address any challenges or differences that may arise from the homestay process. We are committed to supporting host families with international students.

PROCEDURES:

The Homestay Coordinator follows these various procedures found in:

1. MRCS “New Applicant Procedures” (found in Section 11 of the International Coordinator Handbook)
2. MRCS “Homestay Application Package” (found in Section 11 of the International Coordinator Handbook)



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3. MRCS “Required Documentation” List (found in Section 12 of International Coordinator Handbook)
 4. MRCS “International Student and Homestay Handbook” (found in Section 13 of International Coordinator Handbook)
 5. British Columbia K-12 International Student Homestay Guidelines, Ministry of Education and Childcare, 2024"
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/international_education/home_stay_guidelines.pdf

REFERENCES:

International Coordinator Handbook (located on MRCS Public Drive and International Office)
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