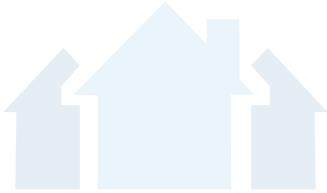


SECTION 5: Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

An international student's parent/guardian should:



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.



1. Accurately complete the application and in-take materials and disclose all of the student's relevant information, such as medical conditions, 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 that the student abides by 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.
4. Report significant concerns to the homestay program provider.
5. Understand that the school district or independent school 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.
6. Understand that there are the following resources regarding child health and safety:
 - A. **B.C. Helpline for Children (Tel: 1-800-663-9122)**
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 your concern 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/>)**
Provides resources regarding mental health issues, substance use, medications and healthy living.