

International Student Participation Contract

Please review this document carefully. This document creates a legally binding agreement for participation in the Lakehead District School Board's International Student Program.

Parents: please review this document carefully. You and your child must sign and date the document on page 4.

The Lakehead District School Board (the "School District"), wishes to provide a rewarding and exciting program to students studying at our International Student Program. This Agreement sets out the terms in which a student is accepted into the program and the obligations on those students and their families as well as the expectations a student can expect from our program.

WHEN THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING

This Agreement is not binding upon the School District until it is signed by a parent or guardian of the student and the student applying for admission, is accepted by the School District and an offer of admission is made to the student by the School District, and all program fees are paid.

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

While the School District takes into consideration requests for placement at a particular school and grade, the final decision on any placement is determined solely by the International Student Program, considering space availability and the appropriate program for the student.

Student and Parent (Guardian) Agreement

- Abide by the laws of Canada and the province of Ontario.
- Comply with the Student Code of Conduct, School, and School District rules, policies, and Technology Access & Use Agreements.
- Comply with the terms of this contract.
- Must not use or possess any alcohol or drugs (zero tolerance policy) or smoke any substance including vaping.
- Must not drive a motorized vehicle.
- Must comply with all homestay terms set out in MLI Homestay agreement and obey host family rules while showing respect to members of the family. Also must not change homestay or custodianship arrangements without consent of the International Student Program.
- Attend school every day (no unexcused absences) while being on time for every class. Any absences due to illness or injury must be reported to the school.
- Maintain an acceptable academic grade point average of 60%, complete all homework/assignments, and participate in class.
- Cell phones must only be used in class for translation services.
- Must not travel outside of the city of Thunder Bay unless accompanied by an adult of at least 25 years of age, or as part of the International Student Program, or with special permission/consent from MLI Homestay.

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Custodian

- I understand that as a condition of my child studying in Canada, that Citizenship and Immigration Canada requires the appointment of a custodian (25+ years of age) for the child. A custodian will be provided by our homestay partners or must be appointed by your family. The school does not provide this service.
- I understand the International Student Program ends on June 30th. I agree that if my child remains in Canada following the conclusion of the School Year by July 1st, I will be physically present prior to July 1st to support and care for my child.

Representation Of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- I represent to the school district that my child has no history of engaging in criminal behaviour or sexual misconduct.
- I know of no reason why my child cannot successfully participate in the School District's International Program. I believe my child is free from any physical, mental, or emotional challenges that would hamper my child's participation in our program.
- I understand that Canada is a culturally diverse country and that my child will be expected to respect people of other sexes, gender, races, religious and cultural backgrounds.
- My child is to the best of my knowledge, in sound mental, emotional and physical health.
- I understand and agree that any information included in my child's application for participation in the International Student Program at Lakehead District School Board is incorporated into and forms part of this agreement and I represent that it is true.

FEE SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

In the event that a student does not come to study at Lakehead Public Schools International or decides to leave the program, the following refund protocol will apply:

- The Application Fee is non-refundable in any circumstance.
- Full Refund of tuition and program fees less a \$300 administration fee will be given if Immigration Canada does not approve the study permit. To obtain a refund, a request in writing must include the letter of refusal from Immigration Canada and the original letter of acceptance from Lakehead Public Schools International. The application fee will not be refunded.
- Two-Thirds of the tuition fee will be refunded if a student withdraws prior to the commencement of the program.
- One-Half of the tuition fees will be refunded if the student withdraws after the commencement of the program but before 30 calendar days have elapsed.
- No Refund will be granted to a student who:
 - Withdraws 30 days after the commencement of the program.
 - Is dismissed from the program due to a breach of this contract, the law, or policies/regulations as determined by the Government Canada, any of the official law enforcement agencies that operate in Thunder Bay and the District, LDSB and / or LPSI.
 - All refunds requested and approved by administration will be returned to the individual or company who paid the fees.

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Insurance

- My child is obliged to always maintain adequate medical & health insurance while in Canada. The School District is not responsible for any loss and/or damage suffered by the student as a result of failure to maintain adequate insurance.
- International students are required to be enrolled at all times with the medical insurance provided through the School Districts International Student Program for the entire duration of their stay.

Assumption of Risk

- I understand that there are risks associated with my child enrolling in the International Student Program and that my child will not be under constant supervision. I understand that medical and health emergencies can occur without warning. I voluntarily assume the risk that my child may suffer illness, injury or another emergency and agree that I will not bring any claim against the School District or any of its employees or officers for any injury suffered by my child while participating in the International Student Program.
- I understand that my child may wish to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports teams, field trips, or school clubs. I give my permission for my child to participate in such extracurricular activities if the Custodian in their discretion considers such activity appropriate. However, I understand that the School District may determine not to allow my child to participate in high-risk activities unless the custodian or I also provide my consent to that activity.
- I understand that the School District is not liable for any labor disputes that may affect the delivery of an educational program resulting in a pause or cancellation of studies.

How This Agreement May Be Terminated

- I agree that the School District may end this agreement at any time, without notice or any refund of tuition paid, and may send my child home at my expense if:
 - any information in my child's application for admission is untrue.
 - my child breaches any of the obligations set out in this agreement or fails to adhere to the Board's rules standards and instructions as set forth in the school's code of conduct.
 - my child is unable to perform or is not performing to a reasonable academic standard (students must maintain a minimum average grade C or 60%).
 - my child's mental, emotional, or physical needs are greater than our program can support.

RELEASE

- I waive and release all claims against the School District for injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or expense resulting from my child's participation in Lakehead District School Boards International Student Program. I also release the School District and agree to indemnify it, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that the School District may incur as a result of claims by others, or that my child may personally have or incur, or any damage or injury to the

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person or property of others that my child may cause while participating in the Lakehead District School Boards International Program.

- I understand that the School District is not responsible for any loss or injury suffered by my child or me. If my child becomes ill or incapacitated, the School District may take such actions as it considers necessary, including securing medical treatment and transporting my child home at his or her own expense. I release the School District from all liability related to such actions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the terms, conditions and refund policy and verify that everything stated in the application is true and can be relied upon by the Board in offering a place to the student in LPSI Program. I also authorize the following Agent or Agency to receive personal, school and homestay information electronically on my behalf:

Agent/Agency (if applicable) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Student (print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____