



Guidelines for Students Living in Homestay

Arrival: Homestay homes are different from *your* home. Give yourself time to settle in.

Families:

- Homestay families are predominantly working class
- Homestay families are predominantly immigrants or first generation – They are all Canadian.
- Accents are common in homestay families – all homestay families can speak English

First Day of School:

- *Average* travel time is 60 minutes - Houses closer to downtown, are older & smaller
- Hosts will *instruct* you how to get to school. Host will not *escort* you to school
- Make sure your transit fare is sorted. Hosts are not required to give you transit fare

Food:

- Students on 2-meal plans will need to buy their own lunch 7 days a week
- Hosts will prepare dinner, but you may be required to prepare your own breakfast and/or lunch
- You will need to purchase your own snacks
- It is important to talk to your host about the type of food you like or do not like
- Let your host know if you will be late for or will not need dinner

Bedrooms:

- There is no food or smoking allowed in your bedrooms.
- Sheets and blankets will be provided

Houseguests: You must ask your host for permission to bring a guest, and sleepovers are not allowed

Housekeeping: Respect the space (your bedroom and the bathroom included) and tidy up after yourself.

Washroom:

- Short showers. No more than 10-15 minutes.
- Towels will be provided

Laundry:

- You may have to do your own laundry – detergent & money (if necessary) will be provided.

What and when to discuss matters with our Homestay Counselor

Planning a Trip: Let your host and the counselor know when and for how long you will be away

Moving Homestays: Concerns will be discussed with you and the host. Based on the outcome of those discussions a decision will be reached.

Money:

- Hosts and students should not discuss money.
- If you have question regarding payments speak to the school
- If your host has questions about payments tell the counselor