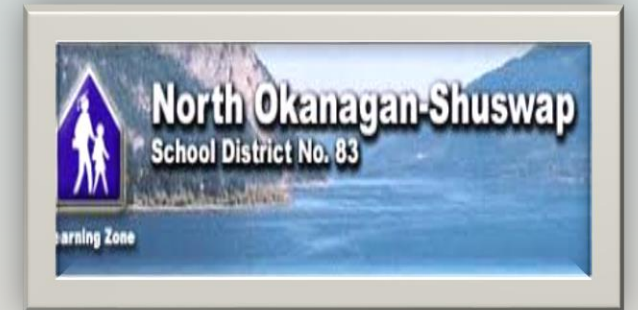


# WELCOME TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM'S HOMESTAY PRESENTATION

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# OVERVIEW

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- the Province of British Columbia (B.C.) has strongly encouraged the creation and growth of International Programs for their short term and long term economic benefits, and their direct and indirect benefits to student learning

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- a thriving International Program would benefit our local communities, enhance learning opportunities for our students, and create financial opportunities for our School District

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- the number and scope of International Programs have increased dramatically in B.C. over the last 20 years

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- there are now over 112,000 international students learning in B.C. in kindergarten through university, and the International Public School Education Association (IPSEA) identifies 37 school districts as currently having programs

# WHY STUDY IN B.C.?

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**International students of all ages choose to study in B.C. for a number of reasons:**

- the Conference Board of Canada often ranks B.C. as having the best education system in Canada
- many areas of the province have a moderate climate and safe surroundings

# WHY STUDY IN B.C.?

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- geographic location: Canada's gateway to the Pacific and Asia
- healthy, active, lifestyle with abundant outdoor activities
- diverse physical geography, communities, and cultures

# WHY STUDY AT S.D. 83?

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- towns and schools much smaller than in many areas of B.C.
- thriving communities that offer a variety of cultural experiences
- very safe and friendly environment





# WHY STUDY AT S.D. 83?

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- a moderate climate
- access to an abundance of outdoor activities and sports

# WHY HOST A HOMESTAY STUDENT?

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- a cultural experience that could impact someone for a lifetime
- make lifelong friendships
- enhance the classroom and community experience of all Canadians



# WHY HOST A HOMESTAY STUDENT?

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- international students will bring an added source of income to a variety of businesses in our communities

# REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- you have an extra, private, bedroom with access to a bathroom in a clean and tidy home
- everyone living in the residence over 19 years of age submits to a criminal record check
- English is the primary language spoken in your home



# REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- you have the time and energy required to welcome a new member to your family and lives
- you have a cell phone, valid drivers licence & vehicle, and ample Internet service in your home

# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- provide a safe and comfortable environment
- provide a private bedroom for your student with a bed, dresser, lamp, Internet access, etc.
- provide 3 healthy meals a day, plus nutritious snacks



# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- assisting your student with acquiring their bus pass, cell phone services, etc., at the students cost
- helping your student become familiar with your home, expectations with laundry, meal times, bedtime, etc.



# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- be available to meet your student at the Kelowna airport on the day of the student's arrival and to see them off on their departure
- including your student in family activities and outings





# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- being available to converse and engage in your student's life
- knowing what your student is doing and where they are when not at home



# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- these students will be like your children while here, so it is very important that we all try to make their stay as enjoyable and safe as possible and create a lifetime of memories for everyone involved

# ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTING A HOMESTAY STUDENT

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- the \$850 issued monthly to host a homestay student covers lodging, food and some transportation

# B.C. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WEBSITE

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- The following is the link to the province's International Education webpage, *B.C. for High School*, which has an abundance of information relating to hosting international students:

**<https://bcforhighschool.gov.bc.ca/en/home/>**

# S.D. 83 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM'S WEBSITE

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- We have a new website up-and-running for our International Student Program here at S.D. 83:

<https://isp.sd83.bc.ca/>