

International Student Program Participation Agreement

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) is committed to providing the best educational opportunities possible for international students. To facilitate this, international students, regardless of age, must participate according to the following conditions:

1. The student must obey the laws of Canada, the Province of Ontario and follow the rules, guidelines and policies of the HDSB and the school in which the student is enrolled.
2. The student must follow all specific school and Board regulations regarding attendance, course responsibilities and behaviour as they pertain to day school and continuing education programs (if applicable). The student must attend school on a daily basis. The custodian/parent must authorize all absences. Students must submit a doctor's note for extended absences. Repeated absences can result in removal from the International Student Program..
3. The student or custodian must contact the International Student Program Office **before** the student changes his/her Halton address and/or changes custodian. All international students must have a custodian even if they are over the age of 18. Custodians must be proficient with English language and reside within 60 minutes of Halton Region. The HDSB reserves the right to request a custodian change.
4. Students must maintain a high academic standing in order to remain in the International Student Program. Students who continue to experience underachievement are subject to removal from the International Student Program.
5. The student must maintain a full-time timetable.. In a semestered secondary school, this means 4 courses per semester. However, the student may take 3 courses per semester in their final year (i.e. Grade 12). Students can only take one online course per semester.
6. The student's reports on attendance, academics and emotional/psychological concerns can be shared with parents, custodian, school and Board personnel in order to provide the necessary guidance and assistance for student success.
7. The student and family acknowledge that based on the information in the application, HDSB has the right to make educational decisions, including placement and program selections in the best interests of the student within the available resources.
8. The student and family understand and agree that inaccuracies in the application or failure to abide by the above conditions may result in immediate dismissal from the HDSB without refund of tuition fee. If it is determined by the HDSB that the student's educational needs are greater than disclosed in the application, the HDSB can send the student home at the parent's expense.
9. Invoices will be sent out for the following year in mid-December and due 30 days after the date of issue.

School Acceptance

All elementary and secondary students in the ISP must maintain their studies at the school to which they have been accepted (as stated on the Letter of Acceptance). This expectation intends to increase stability for students by reducing unnecessary transitions to foster stronger relationships between students, school staff, and homestays. If students have concerns about their school, the ISP team is happy to help find a solution without changing the school. To this end, school transfers will not be permitted.

Student Residence

Upon acceptance into the ISP, students **must** live within the accepted school’s catchment area. There will be no exceptions.

All elementary students (including grade eight) must live with at least one of their parents (a mother or father). The family **must** reside independently (cannot reside with friends or other family members). Failure to have a parent live with the student will result in the student being removed from the program.

This expectation also applies to secondary students who are accompanied by a parent while participating in the program. Parents of secondary students accompanying their children also cannot reside with family or friends or rent rooms in homes where other families are residing. Secondary students not accompanied by a parent must live with a homestay provider that is approved by the HDSB.

Students are required to use the homestay services of Canada Homestay Network, Dreamstay Homestay, MLI Homestay or Silong Education. These providers will also act as custodian. **Students must reside in the catchment area of the school stated on the Letter of Acceptance.**

By enrolling in HDSB’s ISP program, and signing below, the participating student and their parent/guardian acknowledge and agree with the terms outlined in this document.

Name of Student	Signature of Student	Date
Name of Parent	Signature of Parent	Date