



Experience a new culture and build life-long relationships by hosting an international student attending Grande Yellowhead Public Schools.

International students are enthusiastic young people who are interested in living and learning in Canada. Our international students come from a variety of countries including, Japan, Germany, Spain, China, Ukraine, France, Mexico and many others. Students can attend school for a month, a semester or an academic year. Open your heart and your home to a student from another country and let the world come to you.



Our time with Kayoko positively impacted our family. We learned so much about her and her Japanese culture and strengthened our own family traditions in the process. Our year together is the beginning of a life-long friendship

David, Host Parent



For more information visit www.gypsd.ca or by email: international@gypsd.ca



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



Open your home
Open your heart



Canadian Association of Public Schools - International

Association canadienne des écoles publiques - International



WHY HOST?

Hosting an international student is a unique and rewarding opportunity to connect with people from around the world. Sharing your community, culture, and family traditions with a student from another country not only enriches the life of your student, but can bring a new appreciation about the world to you and your family.

HOSTING IS A REWARDING LIFE EXPERIENCE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Hosting helps to promote mutual cultural understanding by bringing different nationalities together to share ideas and compare values. Enjoy the challenge of teaching conversational English to your student through your daily interactions and support them through their language development.

ROLE OF THE HOST FAMILY

Host families provide international students with a safe and supportive environment to experience Canada and learn English.

THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF A HOST FAMILY ARE:

- Use English as the primary language spoken in the home.
- Provide a furnished bedroom that is private and inviting, with an accessible bathroom and shower (private or shared).
- Provide three balanced meals each day.
- Provide laundry facilities.
- Be willing to include the student in day-to-day family life.
- Be willing to share highlights of your community and region through outings and activities.
- Have an internet connection available for use by the student.
- To respect the rights, privacy and culture of the student.

Hosting an international student in your home can be an incredible experience, both for you and the student you welcome into your home, and here are five great reasons to host:

1. Travel the world...without leaving the comfort of your home. Discover a new custom, try a different food, and pick up a few words in a different language.
2. Cultivate life-long friendships from around the world.
3. Monthly remuneration to offset student expenses and activities.
4. Share you own culture, customs and traditions with international students so they can fully appreciate what being Canadian is all about. It can be something as simple as cooking your family's favourite meal together or involving the student in your activities or community.
5. Change someone's life—there is nothing more rewarding than helping a young person achieve his or her dreams by providing a safe and caring 'home' away from home.