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**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIPS/EXCURSIONS**

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian.

The safety and well being of all students is a priority for Avon Maitland Schools Canada; there is the potential for injury when participating in any field trip or school-sanctioned activity. Every attempt is made to manage foreseeable risk. Occasionally, risks on a field trip are increased due to danger as a result of political unrest.

Accidents related to activities on field trips may occur and cause injury to a student or students through no fault of the school board, a transporter or of a facility at which activities take place.

The Avon Maitland District School Board reserves the right to cancel any trips or excursions if there is believed to be an increased risk due to changing circumstances near the destination or closer to home. Though every attempt would be made to acquire refunds for the participant, a loss of deposit money or other funds may occur. This financial risk is assumed by the student and/or parent(s), Public Boards of Education in Ontario do not have funds to cover such losses.

All requests for field trips are approved by the Superintendent of Education or Principal of the school the student attends. Students require Parental permission in advance, in order to participate in any field trip or school-sanctioned activity.

International Students could be participating in, but are not limited to:

- Horseback riding;
- Rock-climbing;
- Theme parks – rollercoaster;
- Camping;
- Paddle Boating/Canoe/Boating; and/or,
- Swimming,
- or other approved (by supervisor) activities not listed.

Trip Information: <b>International Student Field Trip/Excursions</b> - as approved by Superintendent of Education
Field Trip Date(s): <b>Various Dates</b> - as approved by Superintendent of Education
Cost: <b>Varies cost</b> - as approved by Superintendent of Education

Host families receive notification of any field trip or experiential learning opportunity in advance and provide consent to participate on the natural parents' behalf. The purpose of this form is to seek natural parents' permission in advance for high risk activities that may occur while your child is with Avon Maitland Schools Canada.

By signing this form, the parent/guardian confirms that their son/daughter as noted below has permission to participate in any/all fieldtrip/excursions supported by Avon Maitland Schools Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

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 Signature of Parent/Guardian

Completed form must be included with the online student application, via TrueNorth.



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## International Student Photo and Video Consent Form

### Avon Maitland Schools Canada / Avon Maitland District School Board / School

The Avon Maitland District School Board and your child's school collect student information. During the school year, students may be involved in a wide variety of events and activities, consistent with the purpose of educating students that may involve photo and/or video recording. It is an established practice for our schools and the Avon Maitland District School Board to publicize many of the positive and newsworthy activities that occur throughout the year.

Personal information, as defined by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) is collected under the authority of the Education Act, and in accordance with the provisions of MFIPPA. Personal information in the form of photos/videos (print or electronic) may be widely circulated to the public and that they may be posted on the Avon Maitland District School Board website, or social media channels, which can be visited by anyone in any part of the world who has access to the Internet.

This consent is valid for the school year for which it has been given or until such time that it is withdrawn. It may be withdrawn at any time, upon written notice.

In the event that consent is withdrawn, I understand that the materials/photos/videos will be removed from Board websites, social media channels, and publications. Furthermore, I understand that it may not be possible to remove all traces of personal information from the Internet or the public realm.

#### STUDENT PHOTO/VIDEO CONSENT

1. I/We understand that during the school year, students may be involved in a wide variety of activities that may involve photo and/or video recording for the purpose of promoting the school, and/or the Avon Maitland District School Board. This is to confirm that I/We consent to the display, publication and/or sharing of my child's name and/or school-related photos/videos of my child in any of the school's and/or Board's: websites, social media channels, publications, professional learning opportunities, reports, newsletters, yearbooks, and/or with the media for the purpose of promoting the school, and/or the Avon Maitland District School Board. All recordings will become permanent property of the Avon Maitland District School Board.
2. This is to confirm that I/We consent to the sharing of my child's name and photo in the annual school yearbook and/or class photos.

Student's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature (if 12 years of age or older): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A successful experience for international students registered with the Avon Maitland District School Board (Avon Maitland) depends largely on the student making a strong effort toward success. Regular class attendance, completion of all homework and projects assigned by classroom teachers, participation in school and community sports and related activities and appropriate conduct is expected of all AVON MAITLAND students.

Enrollment in the AVON MAITLAND International Student Program (“ISP”) is an important privilege and opportunity that provides education, enjoyment and other benefits, to students (“Participants”). This student participation Agreement (“SPA”) is designed to clarify what is reasonably expected of Participants and their parents and/or guardian(s), to confirm the commitment of the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) to comply with this SPA, and to specify the consequences in the unlikely event that the Participant or his/her parents and/or guardian(s) fail(s) to comply with this SPA.

- A.** Whereas the Participant has completed the AVON MAITLAND International Student Application (“ISA”) in accordance with the Program Payment Policy and Procedures which the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) hereby acknowledge that they have read, understand and are in agreement with, and in consideration of enrollment in the ISP through Avon Maitland DSB, each of the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) hereby:
1. Acknowledges and agrees that this SPA forms part of the Participant’s ISA and all covenants, declarations, conditions and other terms and provisions therein.
  2. Declares that the information given in this ISA is complete and correct to the best of their knowledge; and, further that incorrect or incomplete information is a breach of this SPA and is subject to the terms of paragraph C herein;
  3. Confirms that they have each read and agree to comply or to cause compliance, as the case may be, with the AVON MAITLAND International Student Guide.
  4. Confirms, acknowledges and agrees that they have each read, understand and fully accept all AVON MAITLAND ISP Invoice Terms and Conditions, including cancellation and refund policies as outlined in Appendix A.
  5. Acknowledges and agrees that the AVON MAITLAND ISP and its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and independent service providers (including but not limited to the School and ISP staff) shall not be held liable for losses or expenses as a result of the AVON MAITLAND DSB being unable to provide education owing to labour disputes or other causes beyond its control.
  6. Permits the Participant’s home school at AVON MAITLAND to share the contents of school attendance, academic reports/transcripts and other related enrollment information with the educational consultant or agent, and host parents in order to provide support and assistance required.
- B.** Each of the Participant and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) hereby agree the Participant will:
1. Obey the laws of Ontario and Canada;
  2. Behave as a considerate and respectful member of the Homestay Host family by:
    - a. accepting any Homestay Host, regardless of their race; national or ethnic origin; colour; religion; gender; age; mental disability; physical disability; and/or sexual orientation, all in accordance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
    - b. making an effort to talk with and be part of the Homestay Host household and participate in shared activities;
    - c. helping in and around the Homestay household, accepting responsibility for reasonable jobs, including keeping his/her room clean, helping with the dishes and doing his/her own laundry;
    - d. observing the Homestay Household rules, especially concerning the operation of any household appliances, fixtures, bathroom, laundry and other facilities (to limit the risk of injury or damage) and curfews;
    - e. telling his/her Homestay Host where he/she is going and when he/she will be home, in the event that he/she intends to go out; and if he/she is likely to be late, contacting and informing his/her Homestay Host(s);
    - f. informing his/her Homestay Host how he/she can be contacted while outside of the home;
    - g. practicing regular and proper personal hygiene;
    - h. observing the Homestay Host(s) rules for curfew. Recommended curfews are 6:00 p.m. on school nights and on Fridays and Saturdays as follows: Grades 6-8: 9:30 p.m.; Grade 9: 10:00 p.m.; Grade 10: 11:00 p.m.; Grade 11: 11:30 p.m.; Grade 12: 12:00 p.m.
  3. Adhere to the AVON MAITLAND Code of Conduct available at all schools and at [yourschoolsincanada.ca](http://yourschoolsincanada.ca).

4. Respect the classroom and school rules established by teachers and administrators; this may include not being allowed to use cell phones or other internet connected devices in class and during tests or examinations. Students should be prepared with an electronic translating device or paper dictionary in the case that translation assistance is required.
5. Follow the AVON MAITLAND ISP travel policy and procedures as outlined in Appendix B.
6. Refrain from being in possession of, or bringing inappropriate or illegal substances or materials into the Homestay Host family home or school;
7. Not use drugs or medication unless prescribed by a registered physician and labeled in English;
8. Pay for any and all expenses incurred by the Participant or on the Participant's behalf (including but not limited to any losses or damages caused by the Participant, the Participant's long distance telephone, cell phone, internet usage expenses and/or medical expenses);
9. Not purchase or consume tobacco or alcoholic beverages;
10. Not drive a motor vehicle or operate a motorcycle or motor scooter or other motorized form of transportation, including watercraft, unless as part of the school-based Driver's Education Course; and to not purchase, rent or otherwise arrange for the use of any such object.

**C.** Each of the Participant and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) hereby acknowledges and agrees:

1. That in the event of a breach of this SPA by the Participant and/or his/her parents and/or guardian(s), the AVON MAITLAND ISP reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to:
  - a. notify the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) of the breach (by fax, email or telephone) and provide the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) with a specified time frame within which to remedy the breach to the satisfaction of the AVON MAITLAND ISP; and/or
  - b. relocate the Participant to another and final Homestay Household, at the expense of the Participant and his/her parents and/or guardian(s) and without refund of any unused and prepaid Homestay Host fees paid to the first Homestay Host(s); or
  - c. expel the Participant from the Participant's Homestay Household, on one (1) hour's written notice; and
  - d. notify Citizenship and Immigration Canada of the breach and/or direct the Participant's parents and/or guardian(s) to arrange for the Participant's return home via the first available flight, at the Participant's, and his/her parents' and/or guardian's(s)' risk and expense. The Participant's parents and/or guardian(s) agree to make such arrangement for the Participant's return home and take full responsibility for the care, custody and control of the Participant upon the Participant being expelled from the ISP. The consequences of a breach of this SPA by the Participant and/or his/her parents and/or guardian(s) are without recourse to the AVON MAITLAND ISP, and its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and independent service providers (including but not limited to schools, any Homestay Host(s) and transportation service provider(s)).

**D.** Each of the Participant and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) hereby acknowledges and agrees to reimburse AVON MAITLAND on demand, any fees and expenses related to a breach of this SPA, including without limitation, its legal fees and related costs.

**E.** Each of the Participant and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) hereby waives, releases and absolves and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the AVON MAITLAND ISP and its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and independent service providers (including but not limited to the School and ISP staff, Homestay Host(s) and transportation service provider(s) selected for the Participant) from any and all liability for any and all of the Participant's losses and damages (including, but not limited to, the loss or theft of the Participant's money and the damage, loss or theft of the Participant's personal property), personal injuries, or death, however caused.

Name of Student (Please Print in English)	Signature of Student	Date
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Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print in English)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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**Appendix A:**

***Tuition Refund Policy***

All requests for refunds must be made in writing and sent to [shaun.morton@ed.amdsb.ca](mailto:shaun.morton@ed.amdsb.ca)

Full Refund of the tuition fee, less the non-refundable application deposit will be provided if immigration Canada does not approve the study permit. To obtain the refund, a request in writing must include the letter of refusal from Canadian Immigration and the original letter of acceptance from the Avon Maitland District School Board.

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 law, policy or regulation as determined by the Government of Canada, the Police, Avon Maitland District School Board, and its member schools

***Homestay Cancellation and Refund Policy***

Full Refund less the non-refundable Standard Services Fee and Custodianship Registration Fee (if applicable), will be given if students are refused a visa by Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Students who cancel 30 days or more prior to arrival will be given a Full Refund for homestay fees

Students who cancel 29 days or less before the start of the program will receive a full refund minus one month's homestay fees and a \$250 cancellation fee.

***Cancellation After Arrival***

After arrival, students must give two-month notice if they wish to leave the homestay program. Students who cancel or withdraw after arrival will receive a full refund minus two month's homestay fees (if applicable) and a \$250 cancellation fee.

**Avon Maitland District School Board - International Student Travel Policy**

To ensure the safety and security of students in the AVON MAITLAND International Education Program, there are certain rules and expectations that all participants must abide by. This Policy is designed to clarify what is expected of Participants related to Travel, and to confirm the commitment of the Participant to comply with this Policy.

**Each of the Participant and his/her natural parents and/or guardian(s) hereby:**

- A. Confirms that they have each read and agree to comply or to cause compliance, as the case may be, with the AVON MAITLAND Travel Policy for International Students.
  - B. Confirms, acknowledges and agrees that they have each read, understand and fully accept all terms and conditions included in the AVON MAITLAND Travel Policy for International Students, including the Activity Authorization Form.
  - C. Agrees:
    - 1. to submit the Activity Authorization Form to the designated leader at least ten (10) days prior to restricted activity dates – restricted activities include:
      - a. any day trips without the Host or school that require travel in excess of 30 km from the homestay address
      - b. any overnight trips with or without the Host;
      - c. any travel without the Host or school;
      - d. any high-risk activity such as, but not limited to, skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling;
      - e. any activity requiring a financial contribution by the Participant;
      - f. any travel within two-weeks of scheduled exam periods.
    - 2. to request permission from the assigned custodian to engage in restricted activities using the assigned custodian Activity Authorization Form at least ten (10) days in advance of such plans;
    - 3. to refrain from confirming any plans or booking any flights, limo service, train or bus tickets, until restricted activity has been approved by the assigned custodian.
- \* Note that school trips must be approved by natural parents and, therefore, all school forms related to such trips must be signed by natural parents.
- D. Agrees that the Participant must abide by the following rules:
    - 1. Participants are not permitted to travel overnight and/or stay in hotels or hotel-type accommodations unless:
      - a. they are with:
        - i. their Hosts;
        - ii. their natural parents;
        - iii. an adult approved by the assigned custodian (the adult must be over 25 years old and must have confirmed in writing to take responsibility for the Participant); or
        - iv. a school trip;
      - b. they have submitted the Activity Authorization Form at least ten (10) days in advance of the restricted activity; and
      - c. they have obtained permission at least ten (10) days of the restricted activity from the assigned custodian;
    - 2. Participants are not permitted to travel by private car unless they are accompanied and driven by:
      - a. their Hosts;
      - b. their natural parents;
      - c. an adult approved by the assigned custodian – the adult must be over 25 years old and must have confirmed in writing to take responsibility for the Participant.

Name of Student (Print in English)	Signature of Student	Date
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Name of Parent/Guardian (Print in English)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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