

## HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES



The Calgary Board of Education welcomes international students from 15 years of age to adults throughout the year for short term and long-term programs. We are looking for enthusiastic, outgoing families who will welcome students into their homes and will give them a chance to experience our warm Canadian hospitality.

Homestay can be extremely rewarding for both the families and the students who participate. One homestay mother said, “My three boys and I learned about their culture and were proud to share our lifestyle and help the boys learn about Canada.” Another, when asked what she liked about being a host family, replied, “Being appreciated for what I do – getting out and about to places that I would not be going if it weren’t for the students”.

We would like to talk to you if you:

- have a private bedroom for the student;
- have a main or upper floor bedroom available (basement rooms may be considered if they conform to legal requirements, are bright and airy and have a bathroom with shower nearby);
- speak English as the primary language in the home;
- will include the student in your day-to-day family life;
- will be willing to take the student on outings;
- will be available to do some driving (students are expected to use public transportation for the most part but there will be times when a ride will be needed).

Host families are compensated for providing this service.

According to Calgary Board of Education policy, all host families are required to have a current police clearance for all individuals 16 years or older living in the home. Please refer to the application package for specific details.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting program or would like more information, please contact Kim Horricks at 294-8153 or by e-mail at [klhorricks@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:klhorricks@cbe.ab.ca) for an application package. You can also find an application package on our web site at [www.cbeinternational.ca](http://www.cbeinternational.ca) (click on Homestay/Hosting Information).