



The Gulf Islands  
International Program

# Release of Responsibility and Liability Form

As per Citizenship and Immigration, Canada, the Gulf Islands International Program has accepted the responsibility for the custodianship of all of the international students registered in the program. Essentially this means that School District 64 (Gulf Islands) is responsible for care and supervision of the international students. In addition, the Homestay Agreement states that the homestay family is responsible for providing a safe living environment, which logically extends beyond the home.

The Participation Agreement states, "Students are not permitted to go on trips by themselves. A trip with the homestay is allowed. If permission from the natural parents is submitted beforehand and the conditions of the Travel Outside of the District form are met (that is, students are under the care of an approved adult), students will be permitted to travel outside of the School District."

On occasion, students and their natural parents seek our approval for unsupervised, overnight trips off-island. While these trips contravene our policy, we will permit a limited number of trips of this nature if and only if the natural parents and associated agents formally release us for any and all legal responsibility for the student care while they are off-island. It is not reasonable to expect the program, School District 64 or the homestay parents to be responsible for any student if they are not in our care.

Please note that in some cases the organizations that provide accommodation to underage children will require that the natural parents also sign their Acceptance of Responsibility form. Despite the temporary release of custodial responsibility, absentee students are still enrolled in our program and must abide by all of the rules of the Gulf Islands International Program during their absence. Failure to do so could result in immediate dismissal from the program and repatriation.

The Gulf Islands International Program is an educational program. School attendance is mandatory. Travel outside the School District should be limited to school holidays or weekends, except in the case of emergencies or family visits.

We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (names of the parents) release the Gulf Islands International Program, School District 64, and the homestay family of our son or daughter from all custodial and legal responsibility for our child for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ (dates of unsupervised travel) and approve of his or her plan to travel outside of the School District unsupervised.

Signature of the Father	Date	Signature of the Mother	Date
Witness Name	Witness Signature	Date	
Agent Approval			