

International Student Pledge

As a student in the International Programs at West Vancouver Schools, I am committed to making the most of my educational journey. I pledge to meet the expectations of the program by taking responsibility for my attendance, achievement, and conduct. I promise to strive for excellence, demonstrate respect, and contribute positively to my school community. I agree to the following:

Legal Responsibilities, Substance Use, and Safety

- I will obey the laws of Canada and British Columbia, as well as all district, school, and classroom rules.
- I will not use, possess, purchase, or provide to others alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or vaping products at any time, or be in the vicinity of others engaging in these activities.
- I will not bring to school weapons, replica weapons, fireworks, or firecrackers, as doing so threatens the safety of others and is a serious breach of the Code of Conduct.

I have read and understand the section on **Legal Responsibilities, Substance Use, and Safety** _____

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Respect for Others and Property

- I will treat all people – students, staff, homestay families, and community members – with kindness and respect and act with honesty and integrity. I realize that any form of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, discrimination, or intimidation is a serious violation of conduct.
- I will respect school property, public spaces, and other people's belongings, recognizing that vandalism, graffiti, or damage will result in financial responsibility and disciplinary action.

I have read and understand the section on **Respect for Others and Property** _____

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Attendance and Punctuality

- I will attend school every day and be on time for every class, understanding that, skipping classes or arriving late without a valid reason is not acceptable.
- I will ensure my absences are reported by my parent if I miss school due to illness.
- I understand that frequent absences due to repeated illness may affect my ability to meet program expectations.

I have read and understand the section on **Attendance and Punctuality** _____

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Academic Commitment

- I will complete all assignments and homework on time and understand that plagiarism, copying, or helping others cheat is not permitted and against the student code of conduct.
- I will actively participate in class and make my best effort in all academic tasks, as lack of engagement or disruption of others' learning goes against program expectations.
- I will use technology responsibly and only when permitted by teachers, as unauthorized device use during class time interferes with learning and is not permitted.
- I will not withdraw from any course or replace an in-person class with an online equivalent without prior approval from the International Programs department.

I have read and understand the section on **Academic Commitment**

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Homestay Expectations (if applicable)

- I will follow my homestay family with respect and follow their rules, including weekday and weekend curfews.
- I will communicate openly about any concerns with my Homestay Coordinator, as this impacts my living environment and school experience.
- If I wish to arrange any travel outside my local community, I will contact my Homestay Coordinator well in advance of the trip to request permission (minimum of 5 business days).
- If I break something that belongs to my host family or damage their house, property, furniture, or personal belongings, I understand I am responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement. I understand that vandalism or intentional damage will lead to my dismissal.

I have read and understand the section on **Homestay Expectations**

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Acknowledgment

By initialing above and signing below, I acknowledge that I am fully responsible for my actions while enrolled in the International Programs. I understand that West Vancouver Schools applies a progressive discipline approach, where consequences are determined based on the nature, severity, and frequency of the behaviour. Disciplinary action may include verbal or written warnings, restriction of activities, suspension, or immediate removal from the International Programs.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date