



Participation Agreement and Release

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

I/We, the aforementioned parent(s) or guardian(s), have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions contained in this application package (including all supporting documents) for our child. I/We will ensure that our child honours all the rules and obligations contained within.

In addition, I/we have read, understand, and agree to the following:

- The registration fee is nonrefundable and is due with the submission of this application.
- All fees are payable in Canadian Dollars once the Letter of Acceptance has been issued. Due dates for fees are listed on the invoice (or invoices).
- Fees are subject to change without notice.
- Personal belongings left behind by a student will be donated to charity or disposed of after 60 days, with no compensation to the student or family. Golden Hills International is not responsible for the storage or shipping of these personal belongings.
- Any property damage caused by the student is my/our responsibility and will be paid for immediately.
- Acceptance into the Golden Hills International program does not guarantee renewed acceptance in future years if students do not meet expectations or if academic performance drops below acceptable levels.

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms of the Participation Agreement and Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Date



Activity Waiver

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

I/We, the aforementioned parent(s) or guardian(s), grant our child permission to participate on all field trips, clubs, sports teams, and outings/activities during their stay in Canada. Outings and activities include those planned by Golden Hills International staff, their homestay family or dormitory staff, and/or their school. Students participating on outings or activities that are (1) overnight or (2) outside of Alberta will require additional permission.

Activities and outings may include (but are not limited to) skiing, snowboarding, skating, tobogganing, swimming, camping, hiking, boating, fishing, amusement park rides, horseback riding, rollerblading, soccer, baseball, football, hockey, volleyball, basketball, and all related transportation.

I/We understand that our child is prohibited from participating in certain activities that are not covered by their medical insurance while in Canada. These activities include motorized contests of speed, parachuting, skydiving, hang gliding, bungee jumping, cave exploring, mountaineering, rock or cliff climbing, or scuba diving; operating any type of aircraft or travelling as a passenger on any non-commercial flight; operating any form of motorized transport on land or water without a licence valid for the area where operating; and travelling in or on a motorcycle, snowmobile, or any kind of vehicle while racing or off-road. I/We understand that should my/our child participate in such activities, loss or injury incurred while engaging in such activities will not be covered by medical insurance and that I/we will be fully liable for all related expenses. The insurance exclusions are subject to change without notice and will be stipulated on the insurance policy; I/we agree to comply with these changes.

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student mentioned above, I/we understand the risks involved in participation on field trips, clubs, sports teams, outings, and activities, and absolve Golden Hills International and Golden Hills School Division of any liability or financial obligation resulting from loss or injury.

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms of the Activity Waiver.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Date



FOIP

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Golden Hills School Division collects personal information about students under the authority of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (i.e., FOIP) in order to provide an educational program and ensure a safe and secure school environment for students. Protection of this personal information is extremely important to the school division and is taken very seriously.

Written consent is required in order to use a student's personal information (including photos and videos containing the student in which they are recognizable) for any purpose other than educational programming or the safety of students and staff. This includes:

- Using a student's name, photo, or audio/video recordings in external publications (including school websites, school social media, school division websites, school division social media, the Golden Hills International website, and promotional brochures).
- Using class, team, club, or school photos and videos that are taken within the school community on the school or school division's external website or for marketing purposes.
- Use of a student's name on artwork or material to be displayed in the community.
- Allowing a student to participate in interviews with the media or be included in media coverage of school or school division events.

I consent to my / my child's information, including photographs, awards, scholarships, prizes, newsletter information, team or club lists, assignments or projects, art work, video and/or audio recordings, interviews, school publications, advertisements, and promotional materials being used as described above.

I do not consent to my / my child's information being used as described above.

Golden Hills School Division cannot control how information is distributed by third parties (including other students).

If the student is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign. If the student is 18 or older, the student must sign.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the FOIP form.

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18)

Student Signature (if 18 years or older)

Date

Date



Medical Release

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

I/We, the aforementioned parent(s)/guardian(s), authorize Golden Hills International's appointed custodian (or the delegated alternate caregiver) to consent to any necessary medical treatment or procedures on behalf of my/our child during their stay in Canada.

Necessary medical treatment includes:

- Ordinary medical or dental care, such as inoculations, examinations, treatment for minor illnesses and injuries, and other routine procedures that do not require hospitalization, surgery, or general anesthetic.
- Admitting the applicant to the hospital.
- Any procedure requiring hospitalization, surgery, or general anesthetic when immediate measures are necessary to preserve the child's life, health, or physical well-being, and if waiting for consent from a parent or guardian will delay treatment long enough to endanger the child's life.

I/We understand that the medical insurance provider for Golden Hills International will not cover pre-existing conditions. I/We agree that if my/our child has a pre-existing medical condition, any required treatment will be provided at our cost or by medical insurance coverage at home. In the event of a medical emergency, I/we authorize Golden Hills International to undertake any action deemed necessary for the health and safety of my/our child. I/We understand that all expenses not covered by Golden Hills International's medical insurer will be my/our responsibility as parent(s) or guardian(s) and agree to pay immediately for any related invoices.

If a student exhibits or develops serious mental or physical health concerns, Golden Hills International will seek reasonable short-term treatment but reserves the right to return a student home to the care of their parent(s) or guardian(s).

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms of the Medical Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Date



Vaccine Waiver

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

The influenza vaccine is offered free of charge each winter (between late-October and March) to all students in Alberta. Golden Hills International recommends that all students receive the influenza vaccine but recognizes that parents will continue to have the final decision on immunizing their child.

Yes, I/we authorize my/our child to receive the influenza vaccine while in Canada.

No, I/we do not authorize my/our child to receive the influenza vaccine while in Canada.

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student mentioned above, I/we understand the risks involved in receiving this vaccination and absolve Golden Hills International and Golden Hills School Division of any liability. This waiver only grants permission and is not a guarantee that a vaccination will occur.

The following pertains to vaccine-preventable diseases. **Please read carefully.**

If a highly contagious vaccine-preventable disease, such as measles, occurs at school, a student who is not vaccinated may be excluded from school. Golden Hills will not be responsible for this missed time nor will refunds be issued.

If a student contracts a highly contagious vaccine-preventable disease, Golden Hills will not put the homestay family or dormitory staff and students at risk, and the student may be returned home at the parents' expense.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Vaccine Waiver.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Date



Shuttle Bus Waiver

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

I/We, the aforementioned parent(s) or guardian(s), grant our child permission to take part in scheduled unsupervised day trips to Calgary during their stay in Canada. These shuttle bus trips provide scheduled transportation to and from a predetermined location in Calgary, Alberta. The trips are organized by Golden Hills International staff but will not be supervised by Golden Hills staff nor by homestay parents or dormitory staff. There is a small fee associated with the trip to cover the cost of the school bus and the driver, who is a certified bus driver on staff with Golden Hills School Division. Once in Calgary, students have the opportunity to find their way around the city (via public transit or taxi) and enjoy the amenities. All costs incurred once in Calgary are the responsibility of the student.

To participate on a shuttle bus trip, a student must be at least 15 years of age and have demonstrated an appropriate level of maturity. Students must also have a cell phone capable of phoning/texting within Canada. All decisions pertaining to shuttle bus participation are made at the sole discretion of Golden Hills International staff.

Students participating on the shuttle bus are required to follow all Golden Hills International rules and policies, including those specified in the International Student Behavior Protocol and Student Conduct Agreement. Students must arrive at the predetermined pick-up location in Calgary on time, as the bus cannot wait for tardy students. Students who fail to follow the rules may be prohibited from participating in future shuttle bus trips. Students who miss the bus back home will be assessed a transportation fee of \$200 and will be prohibited from participating in future shuttle bus trips.

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student mentioned above, I/we understand the risks involved in these unsupervised shuttle bus trips to Calgary and absolve Golden Hills International and Golden Hills School Division of any liability. I/We support the rules set out for this service and agree to pay any associated fees.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Shuttle Bus Waiver.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Date

International Student Behavior Protocol

This document outlines the behavior support systems in place for international students who are attending schools within Golden Hills School Division. This protocol is intended to establish an open and transparent process that promotes a positive experience for international students and their teachers. Each successive step in the behavior protocol signals an escalation in the frequency or severity of negative behaviors, and thus indicates a need for increased behavior supports. Behavioral interventions will be based on collaborative discussion between an international student's school and the Golden Hills International (GHI) Team, where preventative and proactive measures will be emphasized.

Step 1: School-based Intervention (90-95% of all interventions)

In addition to adhering to the Student Conduct Agreement included in this document, all schools in Golden Hills School Division establish clear expectations for students in their handbooks. International students can find these handbooks on their respective school's website or via the iCent app and familiarize themselves with the behavior expectations. Teachers and school administrators will clearly communicate behavior expectations to students and they will consistently respond to inappropriate behaviors. School staff will collect the appropriate data for collaborative decision making with GHI staff in regards to behavior expectations. At this step, where negative behaviors are relatively minor, the school will provide ongoing behavior support in the form of coaching, warnings, and school-based behavior plans. These types of behavioral supports will be provided at the discretion of the school staff, considering factors such as severity, frequency, and a student's willingness to improve.

Step 2: GHI Behavior Contract (5-10% of interventions)

At this step, the student has been identified as having difficulty adhering to specific aspects of the Student Conduct Agreement. Students may be moved directly to Step 2 if the GHI team or school staff determine that it is warranted given the severity of a particular behavior issue. A specialized behavior contract will be created in consultation with the student's school, which will clearly outline the specific behaviors that need to be addressed. Upon the student signing the contract, a clear timeline for improvement will be established, and regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted by GHI staff to ensure that the student is making the necessary changes in a timely manner. The GHI team will continue to work with the school in order to provide the sufficient supports for the student to make the desired behavioral changes. Agents and parents will be notified in writing, and a copy of the contract will be included to be signed and returned.

Step 3: Final Notice (<1% of interventions)

If a student has completed the previous step without making the necessary behavior changes, or if a particular behavior is judged to be especially severe, the parents and/or agent will be contacted and given a final notice. A short time-frame will be established during which marked improvement must be observed. Failure to improve (or additional violations of the Student Conduct Agreement) will, at the discretion of GHI and in consultation with school staff, result in the student being removed from the program and sent home at the family's expense without a refund of tuition or fees. In exceptional circumstances where a behavior or set of behaviors is uniquely severe, a student may be removed from the program without any warning or without moving up the steps.



Student Conduct Agreement

Students accepted into the Golden Hills International Program are required to follow all policies of Golden Hills School Division; all rules of Golden Hills International and the student's particular school; and all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws. The Student Conduct Agreement is intended to ensure the safety of each student and provide the greatest opportunity for success. The student and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must read the following and, upon signing, agree to uphold and abide by all terms.

The student agrees to:

1. Respect and uphold the laws of Canada, Alberta, and the municipality in which they are present.
2. Respect and uphold the policies of the school division and their school, including the code of conduct in that school's handbook, and abide by all decisions made by administrators, teachers, and school staff.
3. Respect and uphold any rules set out by Golden Hills International and abide by all decisions made by staff.
4. Respect and uphold the rules set by their homestay or dormitory staff, including curfew and expectations.
5. Respect all members of their community and conduct themselves appropriately.
6. Respect the property of others, including their homestay family and fellow international students, their dormitory staff and fellow international students, their fellow students and staff at school, and members of the community.
7. Learn and be aware of the norms and customs of Canadian culture, including personal space and tipping.
8. Attend school regularly, arrive to class on time, and make an effort in class with all coursework and interaction.
9. Communicate with their homestay parent or dormitory staff prior to a school absence (the homestay parent or dormitory staff shall inform the school of the absence).
10. Remain in good academic standing by completing all assignments and homework with effort and on time.
11. Keep their homestay parents or dormitory staff informed of their location at all times, as well as an expected time of return.
12. Submit any requests to Golden Hills International staff at least 72 hours in advance to travel outside of Alberta (even if with their homestay family or dormitory staff) or sleep overnight outside of their homestay or dormitory.
13. Use the Internet (including email and social networking) at school and the homestay or dormitory appropriately, understanding that access may be regulated and monitored by the school, homestay family, and/or dormitory staff. (Inappropriate use of the Internet may result in restricted or withdrawn Internet access.)



The student agrees not to:

1. Drink or possess alcohol or cannabis.
2. Use or possess illegal drugs or drugs that have not been prescribed specifically for the student by a doctor.
3. Purchase, use, or possess weapons or anything that may be perceived to be a weapon.
4. Drive a motorized vehicle, including but not limited to a car, truck, motorcycle, ATV, jet ski, or snowmobile.
5. Be a passenger in a vehicle with a driver other than a homestay parent, dormitory staff, a member of Golden Hills School Division, or a driver authorized by Golden Hills School Division.
6. Smoke or vape indoors or in any prohibited area. (Students smoking or vaping in a dormitory, homestay, or public building—or on school grounds—may be subject to a cleaning fee and/or punishment under municipal or provincial law.)

It is the student's sole responsibility to be familiar with this Student Conduct Agreement (and all rules contained within) and to be aware of the consequences of breaking any rules. The student's personal property is their responsibility and **not** the responsibility of the homestay family or dormitory staff. The student is expected to take care when possessing cash and expensive property.

Failure to adhere to the Student Conduct Agreement will be subject to the International Student Behavior Protocol, up to and including being sent home with no refund of fees. A student in violation of the law may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or fines.

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and accept the rules and expectations outlined in the International Student Behavior Protocol and the Student Conduct Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Agent Signature (if applicable)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Student Signature

Date