

Travelling outside of Canada with your International Student?

This document outlines important considerations for international students under Canadian custodianship who are planning to travel outside of Canada. It includes legal limitations, risks, required documentation, and recommendations for safe travel. Host Parents should review this document and share with natural parents for consideration of a trip outside of Canada.

Host Parents and Natural Parents should discuss who will be responsible for travel documentation, visa requirements and finances for a successful trip.

1. Custodianship Limitations

Custodianship granted in Canada is not recognized in other countries. The International Student Program and School District 72 cannot support travel outside of Canada should there be an emergency. As Custodianship is limited to Canada only, natural parents are solely responsible for their children outside of Canada. Any trip to another country must be approved by the natural parents.

Host Parents should be sure to get documentation that shows natural parents support for travel to another country – i.e. a consent letter for travel with a minor who is not their own child (see below)

2. Risks to International Students – Travel Advisories

International students from any country may face increased scrutiny at any border crossing. The increased scrutiny can lead to questioning or delays and even denial of entry to another country. It is the responsibility of the Natural Parents and Host Parents to ensure all the proper documentation is in place. Host Parents and Natural Parents are responsible for checking travel advisories for a particular country. Remember a travel advisory for a Canadian travelling to a particular country may be different than someone from Spain (or any other country) travelling to that same country.

3. Entry Requirements

Entry requirements into countries other than Canada all vary from country to country. What is required for a student from Taiwan to go to South America might be different for a student from western Europe. The International Student Program is not a travel expert and cannot be responsible for determining entry requirements to countries other than Canada. Please note that improper documentation could result in a denial of entry for the international student.

Host Parents are required to have a contingency plan in place in case a student is denied entry to the destination country. Please identify the natural parent or responsible adult who is able to care for your student should the student be unable to travel and include the information on the form.

4. Required Documentation

Host Parents and Natural Parents must work together to ensure the correct documentation is provided for travel outside of Canada.

5. Recommendations

There are many websites that are useful in determining travel visas and other documents required. Some suggested websites: [Recommended consent letter for children travelling abroad - Travel.gc.ca](#)

Find the latest visa and travel requirements for your trip on SHERPA: [Visa requirements for any country](#)



Student Travel - Outside of Canada

Host Parents: Please complete 6 weeks in advance of your trip. Provide detailed information about your trip including bus, ferry, flights or name and phone number of parent taking you. Email the completed document to international@sd72.bc.ca

Student Name:	
Destination:	
Departure Date:	
Return Date:	

Travel details including how you will travel, time and date of bus or ferry etc. Attach copies of any tickets & itineraries.

Transportation Details:	
Flights, Ferries, Bus, Car etc...	
Accommodation Detail:	
Include Name and address:	
Contingency Plan in case student is unable to travel or denied entry to destination	
Include Name, address, contact info:	

We, the host parent, understand that the International Student program is unable to support a student while travelling outside of Canada. We, the host parent, will communicate directly with the natural parents should any emergencies arise. We will inform the International Program but will liaise with the natural parents.

Host Parent Name:	Host Parent Signature

We, the natural parents, have read the expectations and agree to make sure our child has the appropriate documentation to travel outside of Canada. We approve of the planned trip for our child with the above named Host Parents.

NATURAL Parent Name:	NATURAL Parent Signature

Once completed by Host Parent and Natural Parent, please submit to the International Student Program
International@sd72.bc.ca