

International Student Living Arrangements Policy

Sikh Academy

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for international student living arrangements when they are not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, ensuring proper care and supervision.

Scope:

This policy applies to administrators, international students, their parents, and local guardians.

Policy:

Sikh Academy requires international students to live with biological relatives or long-time family friends. The school does not permit students to reside in shared accommodations with non-related international students, such as homestay programs.

Procedures:

1. Declaration of Living Arrangements:

- Parents of the international student must declare:
 - The individual the student will live with.
 - The nature of the relationship between the student and the local guardian.
- The administrator will review the declaration to ensure the relationship demonstrates sufficient familiarity for the student to receive proper care.

2. Documentation Requirements:

Local guardians must provide the following:

1. A **criminal record check**.
2. A **statutory declaration** affirming their responsibility for the student.

3. A **notarized letter** from the student's parents or legal guardian outlining the terms of the living arrangement, including:
 - a. The guardian's responsibilities for the student's well-being.
 - b. Provisions for food, transportation, clothing, and other necessities.

3. Oversight by Administrators:

- Administrators will follow up regularly with legal guardians or caretakers to:
 - Provide updates on the student's academic progress.
 - Ensure emotional and social supports are in place.
 - Confirm the living arrangement continues to meet the school's standards.

Homestay Policy:

- Sikh Academy does not participate in or oversee any **homestay programs**.
- International students are expected to reside with family members or relatives who take full responsibility for their care.

Commitment to Student Well-Being:

Sikh Academy is dedicated to ensuring international students receive a safe and supportive living environment that fosters both academic success and personal growth.