

# Homestay Moves



Students who change families after their initial placement in our District Homestay Program will be required to follow these guidelines:

Whenever possible a student should move on the 1st of a month to eliminate homestay payment issues. District to Private: the student and/or the agent will always take care of the arrangements for time and transportation of the student and their belongings. The student should notify the IA of the plans so that our program can ensure the District Homestay family knows what to expect and to ensure they are given proper notice of the move. The IA should give the Homestay Waiver Form to the student to be completed by the student's parents.

Amicable/planned moves from a District to District Homestay: when possible the Homestay Coordinator will arrange with the two families for one of the families to transport the student and their belongings to the new family. If this move takes place mid-month the Homestay Coordinator will calculate the amount of homestay payment that will be forwarded to the new family by the family that has already been paid for that month. Please note that it is possible that the student may have to pay for an extra night or two to the new family depending on when the notice was given and the amount of nights left in the month of payment.

Non-amicable moves or when a family cannot facilitate the move: The Homestay Coordinator will arrange for a taxi (van) to move the student and their belongings. The cost will be incurred by the student. The average cost would be approximately \$15 for a 5km trip, \$10 for loading and unloading all the belongings in the van, and if the student was not ready there may be a wait time fee. There should also be a tip to the driver. So the student should expect to pay between 25 and 30 dollars for the taxi move. If this move takes place mid-month the Homestay Coordinator will calculate the amount of homestay payment that will be forwarded to the new family by the family that has already been paid for that month. Please note that it is possible that the student may have to pay for an extra night or two to the new family depending on when the notice was given and the amount of nights left in the month of payment.

The student should always be packed and ready for the taxi or the host parent arrival time. All their belongings should be right by the house door they will be exiting from, and all their belongings should be in a luggage, box or a bag. They should not leave anything behind. Their room should be completely clean and any garbage should be put in the appropriate house garbage container.

When needed and available, the Homestay Coordinator will arrive at the homestay to ensure the move goes smoothly and to collect any money that may need to change hands.