

## PARTICIPATION TERMS

### ***Must be signed by student and natural parents.***

1. While in Canada I am always under the jurisdiction of the national, provincial, and local laws. I will obey all laws and refrain from illegal activity (shoplifting, stealing, harming others, using technology inappropriately etc.).
2. I will not possess or purchase or consume alcohol, cannabis, or use illegal drugs while enrolled in the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP).
3. I will obey the rules of my home stay and will make every effort to adjust to, and become a member of, the host family and community. This includes any curfews, chores, and other rules they have established.
4. I will obey the rules of the school I attend. These rules include, but are not limited to, attendance, actively participating in classroom work, and adhering to the standards for personal technology use as outlined in the NSISP student handbook. I agree to take part in extra-curricular activities.
5. I will make every effort to always speak English.
6. I will not drive motorized vehicles except within the context of a formal driver's training program. Driver's training may be taken only with the written permission of my parents and I will allow the NSISP to hold my driver's license until I return to my home country.
7. **Travel within the Maritimes (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island)**—I understand with the acknowledgement of my host family and consent of my custodian while in Canada, I can travel throughout the Maritimes with them, a student group, or other family.
8. **Travel outside of the Maritimes (NS, NB, PEI)**—I understand I require approval from the NSISP to travel outside the Maritimes. Travel outside the Maritimes must be chaperoned by a responsible adult (minimum age of 25) and requires written approval, in English, from my family. I will also advise the NSISP at least two weeks prior to my departure of my plans to travel.
9. I understand my program fees cover my monthly charges for room, board, medical, and tuition. Some schools charge all their students an additional fee for such items as lockers, school agendas, participating in sports teams, etc. It is my responsibility to pay these fees.
10. I understand visits by my family or friends from my home country are permitted no sooner than six weeks after my arrival in Nova Scotia. If my family or friends visit, they are responsible to make arrangements for their lodging outside the home of my host family.
11. I recognize I will make a full academic effort and, as a student in the NSISP, any report about my participation (marks, behaviour etc.) can be sent to my parents and/or agent (if applicable).
12. I confirm information provided in this application is complete and factual, including any medical or dietary conditions relevant to my participation in the NSISP.
13. I consent to the use of my personal information for: (a) applying to the NSISP, (b) processing of my application, and (c) if I am accepted into the NSISP, use of my information by the Nova Scotia regional centre for education/Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and school where I will attend classes, as well as my host family.
14. I understand while enrolled in the NSISP a custodian will be assigned to me. The custodian can make decisions (ie, medical) on my behalf. The custodian will always use fair and reasonable judgment.
15. I understand personal identifying information about me including, but not limited to, name, grade, school, video/voice/audio recording, images (photos), and my work may be used in print publications, online, and in social media (including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) for promotional purposes by the Nova Scotia International Student Program and my respective regional centre for education/Conseil scolaire acadien provincial.

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16. I give permission to participate in newspapers/print publications, radio, and television media interviews. This permission may extend beyond my participation in the program and may be withdrawn by me, or my parent, with written notice.
17. I understand I should limit communication with my natural family and friends in my home country. This will help to ensure I enjoy a full cultural experience and stay engaged with the group. Upon arrival in the NSISP, I can contact my family and then it is recommended communication is limited to once a week.
18. I understand once I am enrolled as an NSISP student, I remain in the NSISP for the duration of my studies in secondary school. I cannot return to the Program and live on my own or with a friend.

**Program Termination:** The NSISP reserves the right to terminate participation for the violation of program participation terms and/or when a participant's mental and/or physical health, as determined solely by the NSISP, is in jeopardy. Students who are expelled from the NSISP will not be given a refund or transcript. If a student's education or homestay needs are greater than disclosed in the application process, or change during the student's stay in the program, the NSISP has the right to terminate participation in the program and send the student home at their own expense.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand I am expected to follow and obey all the terms stated. I also understand if I do not, I will be sent back to my home country immediately at my own expense. I understand all matters relating to this contract will fall under the legal jurisdiction of the Province of Nova Scotia.

**Parent's note:** In Nova Scotia, there is no specific age for giving consent for health care decisions. It is recommended students discuss their medical care conditions with their natural parents; however, if they can understand the benefits, and possible reactions, to their medical care, parental consent may not be required for mature minors. Consent cannot be overturned by their parent or legal guardian. If the student is assessed as being unable to give informed consent, then their parent/legal guardian could be involved. Students enrolled in the NSISP are legally entitled to privacy in matters related to personal medical care or prescription drugs in the Province of Nova Scotia.

By signing this application, I declare the information provided herein is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am responsible for the accuracy of the information provided and any inaccuracies may result in program termination.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Custodianship of International Students enrolled in the NSISP**

Students enrolled in the NSISP must be cared for by a custodian. The NSISP assigns the custodian. Custodianship requires that a legal arrangement be made to give the custodian in Canada the permission to act in place of a parent or legal guardian. A Custodianship Declaration must be signed by the custodian and the parents or guardians and the signatures must be certified by a notary public or Commissioner of Oaths.

#### **Custodians must be:**

- a staff member of the NSISP or of the participating school boards
- a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- over 19 years old;
- live within a reasonable distance of the student's intended residence and school; and
- be able to fulfil his/her obligations as a custodian as outlined below

#### **Role of the Custodian**

The primary role of the custodian is to ensure students are safe and have the necessary advice and support to reside safely while enrolled in school in Canada. NSISP requires all students enrolled in the program have a custodian.

#### **Establishing a custodial relationship**

To establish a custodial relationship a Custodian Declaration must be duly completed, signed and notarized. Part 1 will be signed by the Custodian in Canada and Part 2 will be signed and notarized by the parents or guardians in their home country. The fully signed and notarized custodianship agreement will be required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada for a study permit application. A Canadian Visa Officer must be satisfied that adequate arrangements have been made for the care and support for an unaccompanied minor before issuing a study permit.

The custodian is a member of a larger staff. The staff of the NSISP, the participating school boards, and the school staff all work together to ensure the student is properly advised and cared for. Host families, community partnerships, and other members of our extended support team also assist students in having a safe and successful program.

#### **Obligations of the Custodian**

- Undertake custodianship for student taking the best interest of the child into consideration while he/she is studying in Canada enrolled with NSISP;
- Assist in registering students in schools where they will be registered in classes and advise on access to other supports available at the school level (personal and academic counselling, support for academics, etc);
- Appoint a Homestay Coordinator to the student whose role is to support the student in adjusting to their new environment;
- Appoint a host family whose role is to provide a suitable home and adequate meals to the student;
- Be connected with outside agencies to offer guidance and provide referrals (e.g. libraries, medical services, passport/visa/study permit renewals);
- Make the necessary arrangements for the care, supervision and support of the student as appropriate;
- Be the official contact for communication with the parents or guardians of the student through the authorized agent;
- Communicate with host families, Homestay Coordinators and school staff, as required, to monitor students' well-being and academic progress;
- Provide consent as needed by the school for academic program and/or activities;
- Find proper medical care, if required;
- Monitor the student and advise the authorized agent of academic, behavioral or serious medical issues;
- Coordinate transfer of custodial duties, if required;
- Respond to emergency situations involving the student;
- Make decisions in case of an emergency including but not limited to medical (injury, critical illness), legal, immigration and school related;
- Communicate with the parents, through the authorized agent, as soon as reasonably possible in case of emergency;

#### **Duration of custodianship**

Custodianship will only be in place while the student is physically present in Canada and only for the duration of the school year (September to June). Custodianship will cease and is revoked upon the completion of the program. Custodianship will also be revoked for any student who has been dismissed from the NSISP. Should the student decide to remain in Canada after their program has concluded and over the summer holidays, parents are fully responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care and custody of their child.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Medavie Blue Cross Information Sheet

Please ensure the Medavie Blue Cross insurance policy is read thoroughly to be familiar with all the benefits available to students enrolled in the NSISP. Full benefits can be found in the booklet on the website: <https://nsispinsurance.ca/insurance-policies/your-coverage>.

#### Expenses not Reimbursed by the Plan

The following expenses are not reimbursed under the plan:

- Dental surgery or cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is a result of a covered injury under the Accidental Dental benefit.
- Any sickness or injury due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicant.
- Sickness or injury to the participation in professional sports.
- Suicide or any attempt at suicide while sane or insane.
- Intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane.
- A sickness or injury that, at the time of departure from the Home Country, might reasonably be expected to require medical treatment, surgery, or hospitalization.
- Medication commonly available without a prescription; fertility drugs, contraceptives, vitamin preparations, acne medications, baldness remedies, nicotine resin products, dietary supplements, growth hormones or weight loss products.
- Translation services of any kind, even when utilized in the delivery of medical services.
- Organ Transplants.
- Any sickness, injury or medical condition resulting from the commission or attempted commission of an illegal act.
- Expenses related to any pre-existing condition that is not stable, as determined by Medavie Blue Cross.

**To assess my application for benefits, I authorize any physician, practitioner, hospital or medical facility, insurance company, or any other organization, institution, or person, who have information required to analyze my application, to convey that information to my insurer or its representative. I understand that said information may be disclosed when necessary, to their reinsurers, to internal and external auditors and to any professional or organization mandated by my insurer within the context of processing my application for benefits.**

The above is a summary only and does not constitute an agreement. The exact terms and conditions are described in the policy. For inquiries, contact Medavie Blue Cross at 1-800-667-4511 or e-mail your questions to [inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca](mailto:inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca)

**Please visit the NSISP website at [www.nsisinsurance.ca](http://www.nsisinsurance.ca) for more details on your benefits and exclusions.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have  
Parent/Guardian Name Student Name

read and understand that medical coverage will not be provided for the aforementioned reasons.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Dear Parent/Guardian of **(Name of Student):** \_\_\_\_\_

During your son/daughter's participation in the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) he/she may take part in various activities either through their school, their host family, and/or their friends. These activities will be mainly cultural. However, some may be for entertainment. Your son/daughter will be transported to activities by bus, passenger van, host family vehicle, or public transportation. Activities organized by the NSISP or Regional Centre for Education (RCE) or Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) will follow the chaperone ratio set by their respective RCE/CSAP (1 adult to 10–15 students). Please note your child may not participate in all activities listed. The activities listed below are only examples of some activities available in Nova Scotia.

Additionally, your child will not always be participating in an activity with the school or program staff. Students have free time and will participate in activities organized by their friends and with their friends and not school or program staff. Their friends and the families of their friends will transport and organize activities that are not recognized by our program. These activities are outside of the direction of the program and are not subject to the regular guidelines set by the NSISP and RCE/CSAP.

**Please read carefully.** This form must be signed and returned by the first day of attendance in the Nova Scotia International Student Program or your child will **not be allowed** to participate in the following activity(ies). By signing this form, you consent to your child's participation in the following activities and travel to these destinations:

- Camping
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Sightseeing including land or water travel
- School and leisure sports (basketball, soccer, football, hockey, and others)
- School and social activities (attending dances, talent shows, concerts, get-togethers with friends, and others)
- Skateboarding
- Snow Sports (snowshoeing, skating, sledding, tubing, and others)
- Water Sports (including swimming, boating, sailing, surfing, waterparks, visiting the beach, and others)
- Whale Watching
- Travel to other Canadian provinces
- Curling

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Initial to Confirm Agreement

## POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS

Risk	Injury
Variable and unforeseen risks associated with recreational activities listed above including unforeseen circumstances, weather or water conditions, horseplay, collisions with moving or fixed objects, slips, falls, injury by an animal including but not limited to kicks from a horse, equipment failure or negligence on behalf of the operator, student failure to heed safety instructions, delayed rescue, or accessibility, etc.	Head injuries, concussion, torn or damaged ligaments, broken bones, fractures, sprained joints, muscle injuries, cuts, scrapes, bruises, burns, hypothermia, drowning, quadriplegia, frostbite, sunburns, damaged eyesight, broken teeth, and/or other injuries including possible death
Travel to and from activity	Any injuries associated with a road vehicle accident including possible death

To participate in any activities, students must wear the appropriate safety clothing and equipment, including but not limited to, a CSA Approved Helmet and /or Life Jacket.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Initial to Confirm Agreement

**Alpine sports (skiing, snowboarding, etc.) are considered a higher risk activity and has a separate permission form. Please see the last page of the document for the permission form for students' participation in alpine sports.**

Our liability insurance providers have indicated the following activities are higher risk activities in which students are not permitted to participate as school or program organized activities. We do recognize students may participate in these activities with their friends or host families and, if so, will be doing so at their own risk.

Higher risk activities include but are not limited to:

- Ziplining
- Paintball
- Driving All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- Snowmobiling
- Go-Karting
- Trampoline

If you do not permit your child to participate in any of the above listed activities please indicate the activity(s) here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Initial to Confirm Agreement

## FOR ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR NSISP EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE OR ASCERTAIN:

- a. The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- b. The staff and volunteer chaperones have Child Abuse Registry checks and Criminal Records checks completed and on file.
- c. The students are adequately supervised during all aspects of the program/activity.
- d. The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activity(ies) and group.
- e. Equipment used has been inspected and deemed appropriate and safe.
- f. A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks.
- g. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.

**Parental Consent:**

1. I/We accept the mode of transportation provided for the programs/activity(ies).
2. I/We acknowledge my/our rights and responsibilities to obtain as much information as I/we require about this program/activity(ies) and associated risks and hazards, including information beyond that provided to me/us by the school or the RCE/CSAP.
3. I/We freely and voluntarily assume the risks/hazards inherent in the program/activity(ies) and understand and acknowledge my/our child may suffer personal and potentially serious injury arising from his/her participation.
4. I/We understand host families are volunteers in our program and are responsible to have insurance coverage themselves. Host families assume responsibility for my child's safety during family-organized activities.
5. My/Our child has been informed he/she is to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity(ies).
6. In the event my/our child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require his/her exclusion from further participation.
7. I/We acknowledge it is my/our duty to advise the Nova Scotia International Student Program staff of any medical and/or health concerns of my/our child that may affect his/her participation.
8. I/We acknowledge the RCE/CSAP may choose to cancel the trip if travel conditions are deemed unsafe (e.g., weather, health advisory, security).
9. I/We acknowledge the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my/our child's immediate health and safety.
10. Based on my/our understanding, acknowledgement, and consents as described herein, my/our child has my/our permission to participate in the program/activity(ies) provided.

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**Name of Student**

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**Name of Parent/Legal Guardian 1**

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**Name of Parent/Legal Guardian 2**

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**Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1**

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**Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2**

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**Date**

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**Date**

## Snowboarding and Skiing Consent Form

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION:** This is a legal document. Please carefully read the contents of this consent form and clarify any concerns with NSISP and RCE/CSAP staff before signing each page. It is important this form is completed in its entirety, signed, and returned for your child to participate in this activity.

**Note:** If the natural parent is not fluent in English it is required they have this document translated into their native language prior to signing the document

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the NSISP providing my child, \_\_\_\_\_, an opportunity to participate in the activity described below during their enrollment period in the NSISP, I hereby give and provide my consent, and acknowledge by my signature my child may participate.

### 1. **Activity Description**

During my son/daughter's participation in the NSISP I give permission for them to participate in various downhill skiing activities which may include, but are not limited to, school ski trips, ski clubs, ski trips with friends and host families.

### 2. **Risk of Accident**

Alpine Sports are physically demanding and involve inherent risks which are beyond the control of the School, the RCE/CSAP, the NSISP and the Supervising Personnel. Falls, collisions, and other incidents may occur and cause injury. The safety and well-being of students is a prime concern and attempts are made to manage the foreseeable risks inherent in such physical activities. However, in permitting your child to partake in the activity, you and your child assume the inherent risks of the sport.

Students are encouraged to take ski lessons and wear proper equipment including the mandatory use of a helmet to mitigate their risk of injury. Students must follow all the rules of the ski hills and must observe their level of experience when selecting which trails to ski.

### 3. **Supervision**

School and ski clubs are supervised by school staff and chaperones but there is no guarantee that trips outside of schools will be supervised by adults. We encourage parents to discuss supervision for non-school organized trips with their children.

### 4. **Health and Medical Treatment**

- ☐ My child does not have any illness, allergy, or disability that prevents his or her participation in this event
- ☐ My child has an illness, allergy, or disability that could affect his or her participation in this event. List illness, allergy, or disability: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Equipment and Clothing**

I recognize my child should have appropriate equipment to participate in this activity. This clothing may include but is not limited to a warm hat, gloves, waterproof pants, and jackets. Skis, ski boots, poles and goggles can be rented at the ski hill if the student does not have their own personal equipment. I acknowledge it is the responsibility of me and my child to ensure all necessary equipment and clothing is brought by my child to the event and acknowledge my child may be prevented from participation if s/he does not have all necessary equipment and clothing.

**6. Code of Conduct & Activity Site Rules and Regulations**

My child and I understand the NSISP Code of Conduct applies during this activity. My child and I also understand site rules and regulations are in place for this activity and my child agrees to abide by these rules and regulations. I acknowledge I have explained to my child any prohibited actions may result in my child not being allowed to participate or continue in the activity.

**7. Non-Participation in this Event**

I understand if I am not comfortable with my child participating in this activity arrangements will be made for my child to remain at the school during school hours and my child will not be penalized for non-participation.

**8. Consent**

**In signing this Consent, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statement(s) made by the RCE/CSAP, its servants, agents, employees, or authorized volunteers to induce me to allow my child's participation in this activity other than those contained in this Consent.**

**I am 19 years of age or older and I have carefully read the contents of this Consent Form and have clarified any concerns with the staff at the school organizing the event or the school principal before signing each page. I understand it is a legal document that is binding on me, my heirs, executors, and administrators.**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVACY NOTICE:** The Nova Scotia International Student Program is collecting the personal information, under the authority of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, requested in these forms to obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in the activity; coordinate the activity; respond and report respecting any injury or medical condition that may arise during, or as a result of the activity; and update school records where necessary. The information will only be accessed by authorized staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the privacy requirements of the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorized or required by law, or you have given permission for the information to be disclosed.