

Thames Valley District School Board International Admissions

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CUSTODIAN

International students under the age of 18 are required to have a local Custodian while in Canada. The Custodian must be over 19 years of age, a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and assume responsibility for the student even if the student is accompanied by a parent. The Custodian must live in the Thames Valley District School Board boundary area.

The Canadian law governing Custodianships defines the obligations of a custodian to:

- make adequate arrangements for the care and support of the student and
- reside within a reasonable distance of the minor child's intended residence and school.

It is the Custodian's role to care for the student and to act in place of a parent.

The Thames Valley District School Board's expectations of the Custodian:

- schedule and attend the admission meeting with the Admissions Coordinator
- accompany the student to the appointment at the Reception, Orientation & Assessment Centre (secondary students)
- accompany student to the school for registration
- serve as official contact for the school in educational or behavioural matters
- be aware of the student's timetable
- provide consent for timetable changes
- request a copy of student's report card
- sign student's report card
- communicate with the student's parents
- advise parents immediately of any school issues that present a problem
- speak on behalf of the student's parents regarding school or homestay issues
- ensure the student remains compliant with study permit conditions including extending the permit, as needed.

