



International School of Indiana

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT SERVICES
STUDENT AND FAMILY HANDBOOK**



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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Student and Families:

Welcome to the International School of Indiana! You have made a wonderful choice for your future.

As students, you are about to embark on an exciting adventure that will change your future forever. You will be growing academically and personally. You will be learning about American culture while celebrating your own culture with your new American host family. You will be making connections with new friends and have a family away from home. These connections will last a lifetime.

As host families, we thank you for opening up your hearts and homes to an international student. You will welcome your new host student into your home just as you would any family member.

This handbook is a roadmap to prepare students and families to co-exist together. This guide is prepared with ideas from host families, international students, teachers and advisors. Please keep this handbook and refer to it whenever you have a question. If at any time you have a question that is not answered here, please feel free to reach out to me. We are always here to help you.

I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you personally. It is going to be a wonderful school year!

Best-

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THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

- **F-1 students, parents and host families will be welcomed into school, matched with a mentor, and have a safe and nurturing American homestay experience.**
- **Students and families will understand benefits and restrictions of F-1 Visa status, and maintain compliance via Homeland Security.**
- **Students and families will have pastoral and academic support and guidance.**
- **We will provide personal attention with an on-site school office for point of contact during school hours and 24-7 accessibility by phone or email year round.**
- **We will enhance the quality of life for international students with academic counseling and guidance to ensure students are setting and reaching their educational and personal growth goals while remaining balanced in academic and personal life.**
- **The office will provide consistent and ongoing communication with host families and biological families, including quarterly meetings and student social events.**
- **If you decide to attend a college within the states we will oversee successful transfer of the F-1 status to your University of choice. (Transferring this status allows you to avoid a second VISA interview and an additional SEVIS fee)**

F-1 REGULATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF STATUS

Upon admission to the United States an F-1 student must maintain status. The F regulations govern immediately upon entry and continue until final departure. A student is admitted for Duration of Status (D/S).

F-1 students must comply with the following requirements in order to maintain lawful status:

- 1. Report to the PDSO, Natalie Wolfe, Director of Admissions and International Student Services upon arrival at the school. (Provide updated Medical Insurance Card and I-94, review Visa/Passport)**
- 2. Provide proof of adequate health insurance.**
- 3. Attend the school that they are authorized to attend.**
- 4. Pursue a full course of study.**
- 5. Make normal progress towards completing a program of study.**
- 6. Apply for a timely extension of stay.**
- 7. Obtain a new Form I-20 for a change in academic program, funding, or level of study.**
- 8. Abide by the F-1 grace period regulations.**
- 9. Report change of address to the PDSO/DSO within 10 days. PDSO/DSO must report change in SEVIS no longer than 21 days after that.**
- 10. Maintain a valid passport.**
- 11. Do not engage in unlawful employment.**
- 12. Depart the U.S. in a timely manner.**

F-1 students are required to report to the PDSO/DSO prior to travel abroad. Travel authorization will be noted in BLUE INK on the original I-20 form.

NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

___ **Communicate** with your new family often by email and skype or Wechat so you have a familiar face to meet at the airport. By the time you arrive you want to have a connection with your family.

___ **Share your incoming flight information** with your host family so they know when to pick you up at the airport. (Exchange cell phone numbers, if you already have a cell phone, so you can text them when your flight lands so they know you have arrived safely)

_____ **SAVE THE DATE** Mark your calendars for New Student Orientation and the host family and International Student Gathering and Orientation. We will go over our Host Handbooks and meet with other families to share experiences and get on track for a great year.

___ Upon arriving in the states **Check in** with Mrs. Wolfe at the Office of International Student Services. (Provide updated **Medical Insurance Card and final official transcript from your school and Signed Medical and Travel Consent Form**)

___ **Arrange payment to host family**

The current host fee is \$10,000 annually.

We recommend this be made in two payments:

August \$5000 and December \$5000

You pay the host family directly. You do not pay the school for the host family fees, and this is separate from your tuition payment.

_____ **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO GO HOME OVER THE WINTER BREAK!** Plan ahead and book your flight to go home over Winter Holiday. Share this information with your host family for your Holiday home visit. It is *highly recommended* that families make a plan now for your child to come home to visit for the Winter Break Holiday. This is an important time for families and children to reacquaint and important to the healthy social development of the entire family.

**The Winter Break Holiday for the 2019-20 School Year is from:
begins on 12/20/2019-NOON Dismissal from School and school resumes
on 1/7/20120**

This is an important time for your child to reconnect with their family and a healthy rest for all. Please consider making arrangements now for your child to come home for the Holiday Break!

ABOUT ISI AND THE F-1 VISA PROGRAM

We warmly welcome students from all over the world and provide them an opportunity to grow academically and personally in our award winning and internationally recognized International Baccalaureate Curriculum and Academic Honors Diploma Program. At the International School of Indiana, located in the friendly and safe Midwest, we offer an American High School experience rich with a challenging curriculum, student life opportunities, athletics and the arts! We have 600 students in our 3 year old through grade 12 program, with 200 in the High School. We have been named one of the Top High Schools in the Nation by the *Washington Post*, 5 years in a row!

While offering an exemplary English Acquisition Language Program, we are proud to have native speaking French, Spanish and Chinese Mandarin teachers on Faculty for local students learning a second language as well. It is a truly welcoming Global Community with staff and students representing over 60 countries. We encourage academic excellence and personal growth by supporting student learning with small class sizes (9 students to every 1 teacher) and a caring faculty. With a 100 % graduation rate, 100% college acceptance rate and exam scores consistently above the World average, our students are attending some of the most prestigious Colleges and Universities of their choice.

HOST FAMILY EXPERIENCE

How do we ensure safety for our international students and find the best student and host match?

- _____ background check paperwork completed
by host family
- _____ host family personal statement and application
- _____ home visit from Director of Student Services
- _____ student profile and contact information shared with

_____ host to ensure the best possible match
_____ skype interview between family and student
_____ orientation for families -homestay handbook and
_____ expectations
_____ contract signed

What is the host/school contract?

This is a document signed by the host family, the international student and their parents to make certain everyone understands their responsibilities in making this experience successful for all. It also legally acknowledges that all parties understand the handbook and expectations.

What is the length of stay for students with a host family during the academic year?

Students arrive 3 to 5 days prior to the first day of school (mid August). It is important they have some time to adjust from jet lag. Students will live with families for 10 months. We recommend students plan to return home or travel to summer camp destinations within a week after the end of the school year, mid June.

How often and when do I go home to visit my family?

It is highly recommended that students return home to visit their families during the Winter Break. This is an important time for your child to reconnect with their family and a healthy rest for all. Please consider making arrangements now for your child to come home for the Holiday Break! Students are welcome to visit home during

other school holidays, such as Spring Break, however there is often not adequate time for a flight home other than Winter Break. *UNLESS YOU HAVE AN APPROVED PLAN WITH STUDENT SERVICES AND THE HOST FAMILY PLEASE PLAN ON YOUR CHILD SPENDING WINTER BREAK AT HOME WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES.*

How much do I pay my host family?

Beginning in August, School Year 2017-18, The fee paid to host families by biological families is \$10,000 annually. We recommend this payment be made in two payments:

August \$5000 and December \$5000

You pay the host family directly. You do not pay the school for the host family fees, and this is separate from your tuition payment.

How do I pay my host family?

You can pay your host family by wire transfer, or parents can deposit the money into their child's American checking account and the host family can go to the bank to make the withdraw.

Are Host Family fees considered income?

We can not advise on tax planning considerations. As a host family is caring for and supporting the child's needs while the child is living with them and under their full time care. The Biological family is paying the Host family

dependent care, similar to child support.

Can I pay the school and then the school can pay the host family?

We are not able to accept payment to the host family. Tuition and ISI fees are paid directly to ISI and host family fees are paid directly to the host family by the international family

What does the host family fee include?

The host family fee includes room, board and transportation to and from school. However, in some circumstances, depending on where the host family lives, students will need to take the bus to and from school and the student's family is required to pay the bus transportation fee directly to ISI for these services. Host families will provide any additional transportation to school events that are in the evening and during weekends.

What if something does not work out and there is a problem or I am not getting along with my host family?

Visit your Office of International Student Services for guidance. Just as with all families there are times misunderstandings can occur. Talk to us and let us help you communicate a plan. If there is a case when a student and host family are not able to work through an issue, the International Student Services Office can help with a

transition to a new home.

Am I allowed to live alone in my own apartment while attending International School of Indiana?

No, International School Policy, as well as legally under Indiana State Statute, does not allow a currently enrolled student, to live by themselves for an extended duration of time. We ask that all students be under the care and supervision of a parent or guardian, or in this case the host family. We want to ensure all of our students care and safety so this must be done under the supervision of a parent or host family. Even when the student turns 18, we still require them to follow this ISI policy while enrolled until graduation.

What if I begin to struggle or have sad feelings during my stay?

It is very normal for international students to experience **culture shock** and feel ups and downs while learning to live in a new culture. It takes time to adjust to a new culture and the new physical and social environment take time to understand. It can be difficult and mentally exhausting to learn a second language and to understand the meanings that lie behind spoken and non-verbal language and the expectations from those around you. When you are struggling or having questions, please come visit us and let's talk about the questions you have.

What do I do if my family is going out of town during the time I am staying with them?

If your host family invites you to travel with them over a break, you may accept, and pay your airfare and travel expenses for the trip. If you are not able to attend, we can try to make alternative arrangements for your stay during this time with another host family (please be aware this is very difficult for multiple students). The Office of International Student Services can try to give guidance to help make a plan during this time. We ask that students do not stay home alone and unsupervised for extended periods of time. The host family will be asked to pay a per diem to the host family caring for the student.

EAL TRIP

International Students take a cultural experience abroad their 9th and 10th Grade year, and have the opportunity to travel with their English teachers to a destination each Spring to see more of the world! This cost is an additional fee to tuition and it is expected that students attend the trip as a cultural extension of the classroom curriculum. Information will be sent out by Maria Vasey, Director of Logistics, mvasey@isind.org , in the Fall and ALL students are required to be a part of this exciting adventure!

COMMUNICATION

It can be so hard for families to say goodbye, even though they will put their trust in your family, so communicating often, but simply, with pictures and easy to translate updates can allow families to feel connected to their child even though they are a million miles apart.

Although we will do all of our communication on wechat through a family group that will be created, we will also share email contacts for the family. This will be found on the student application you receive.

Some students find us directly through word of mouth or on the internet, and some work with Consultants or Recruiters through an Agency which support the family during the child's American education experience here at International.

The recruiting agency or consultant will have different expectations of how often they visit your family or if they ask you to complete monthly update reports to fulfill their responsibilities to the family.

The duties of the agency and those of myself as the Director of International Student Services vary.

The International School Advisor is always your first point of contact for any questions or assistance you may ever need regarding your International Host Student's education, classroom experience and success integrating and connecting with your family through the host experience.

The teachers at school know that you as the host family are their first point of contact if there is any questions or concern they have, or if they want to give updates about student

progress, or need your support for the International Student within the classroom.

The International School Advisor would also be copied by the teachers on these issues so we can work as a team to support the student. You as host family are the first point of contact in ManageBac for the teachers and faculty at the International School.

We also strongly encourage your connection directly to the International Student's family, and want you to communicate with them often. The most important way you communicate directly with them is through the Wechat family group we will set up that includes the Biological family, host family and anyone who is part of the care team and has oversight of the International Student while here in America (this would include International School Staff and agencies, if the family is working with one) .

It is a great way to send pictures to the family and give quick and easy updates so they see how wonderful their child is doing here! There is a translator function option on Wechat and that will allow us each to use our mother tongue language to communicate.

There will be an F-1 email distribution list that we will use to communicate with you throughout the school year as well. All families will also be part of our Constant Contact database which allows for us to send you newsletters and important updates from the school.

The most important thing you can do to stay connected is make sure you read your Friday newsletter

each and every week. If you are not receiving the Friday news via email, please let us know immediately.

Please remember we are here to help in any way we possibly can. If you have ANY questions about school, your schedule, getting involved with activities outside of the classroom, your host family, cell phones, anything at all, the Office of International Student Services door is always open.

You can always stop by the office or send an email. International Parents if you would like to set up a time to SKYPE or WECHAT or WHATSAP or FACETIME please email me and we will schedule a time.

HOST FAMILY COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Well established communication is critically important for families as they entrust us with the care of their children! Host families are asked to share updates often with your international student's family.

We recommend that you share communication several times the first few weeks as you are establishing a Back to School routine. A weekly update is a welcomed treat for families as the year progresses.

Please encourage your international students to reach out to their families by Skype or Facetime so parents can feel connected to the exciting things happening here at ISI.

COMMUNICATE OFTEN - COMMUNICATE POSITIVELY AND SEND PICTURES WHEN YOU CAN!

HOST FAMILY COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

We ask all Host families to serve as the primary contact

for educational support and concerns throughout the school year. We will also ask that you please share these updates with the family to keep them up to date. The Office of International Student Services will also be in communication with families as well.

MANAGEBAC

ManageBac was originally developed by graduates of the International Baccalaureate Program (hence the name), and is more closely tailored to reporting on the different kinds of IB courses and the specific kinds of assessments we have. ManageBac has developed rapidly, and more international and IB schools are adopting it as their main platform for communicating between teachers and students, and for keeping parents informed.

If you are not already registered for ManageBac you will receive an email inviting you to register and to create a profile. Please create your password and add as much information to your profile as possible, including a photograph.

This system allows you to see a calendar of events, class assignments, grades and important information from teachers. We will be sending you tutorials throughout the year to learn more about this program. We will also have several trainings for families to learn more about this wonderful platform for keeping families involved in their child's success.

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, EMAIL?

Be sure to contact the Registrar to update your information!

We have several databases here at ISI to serve our many departments and our number one goal is to ensure that we keep updated information. If you need to update any of your contact information, please contact Registrar, registrar@isind.org or 317.923.1951 ext. 334.

MANAGEBAC

ManageBac is our school communication platform. If you are not already registered for ManageBac you will receive a welcome email inviting you to register and to create a profile. You should receive this by the end of the week. Please create your password and add as much information to your profile as possible, including a photograph. Once school starts, you will begin to get communications from teachers through ManageBac. If you do not receive a welcome email with log-in information from ManageBac please contact Natalie Wolfe, nwolfe@isind.org

If you feel that you need additional assistance with the program after school begins, please contact the IB coordinator for your student's grade in school.

- PYP (Primary Years Programme, 3YO-Grade 5), Stacy Gruen, sgruen@isind.org, [317.923.1951](tel:317.923.1951), ext. 156
- MYP (Middle Years Programme, Grades 6-10), Marithe Benavente, mbenavente@isind.org, 317.923.1951, ext. 210
- DP (Diploma Programme, Grades 11-12), Mitchell Chabraja, mchabraja@isind.org, 317.923.1951, ext. 303
- Please also download the ManageBac Parent Guide at <https://www.isind.org/?p=5078>

TRANSPORTATION

How do I get to and from school?

Your host family will provide transportation, or in some circumstances, depending on where they live, you may take the ISI Bus service to and from school. There is a bus that departs directly after school and a late bus that departs at 5:30 so that students may participate in after school activities. CONTACT: Maria Vasey, Director of Logistics for more information mvasey@isind.org, cell [317.417.2962](tel:317.417.2962)

All Miller buses do have a GPS tracking system so you are able to see where they are located. Log into the following and input portal #497.

What if I need to go to an afterschool activity?

Your host family will provide transportation to these after school, evening and weekend school sponsored activities. However, it is important that you remember your responsibility to keep your host family informed about your upcoming plans. Always communicate a few days before an event so they can plan transportation. Do not wait for the last minute to tell them you need to be somewhere. **PLAN AHEAD** and keep them well informed about all of your school and social events.

May I go to activities on the weekend?

Your host family is here to help support you in participating in activities outside of school and making new friends. They will be happy to work with you on weekend activities and plans. Just make sure to communicate with them about your plans ahead of time. Do not wait for the last minute to ask them to go somewhere.

PLAN AHEAD AND COMMUNICATE YOUR NEEDS.

DRIVING

It is very important that your Host family and your Biological Family agrees to allow you to learn to drive and that the host family is agreeable to helping you earn the driving hours needed to get your license with their guidance (50 hours) .

- If under age 18, student will need to be at least 15 years old for a learner's driving permit which will allow them to drive with their host family after completion. There are online and class programs available. A completed course letter and the Certificate of Driver Education are needed to get a proper permit from the BMV.

-Before going to the BMV, Students will need to go to the Social Security Administrative Office in the Government Center, Downtown Indpls., or one of their other satellite branches, to get a letter proving they are an F-1 Student and have no social security number (proof of non SSA10-99)

TAKE TO SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE:

(Once you get the non **SSA10-99**, this letter will only be valid for 30 days so please plan accordingly)

-Letter from International and Mrs. Wolfe stating F-1 compliance

- I-94 <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>
(choose view your travel history)
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-20
- Get a study guide from the International Student Services Office and prepare for the written BMV test, this test must be passed in order to get the Driver's Permit.
- Make an appointment at BMV to take written test and take all required documentation to get Learner Permit if under 16. If older than 16 and 31 days , you will be taking your test for the written and driving
- Letter from Social Security (non SSA10-99)
(only valid for 30 days from date received)
 - Completed Certificate of Driver Education
 - I-94
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-20
 - Bank Statement with address or something with address mailed directly to student (take 2 proof of residency items)
 - Proof of Financial Responsibility signed by Biological Family and notarized (State form 39531 from BMV)
 - Proof of 50 driving hours with host family (10 of these required to be night driving)
- Many Insurance Companies will allow you to drive the 50 hours with your student and cover them under your family plan with no increase to your deductible.

-It is when they acquire their own license they need to get their own insurance which of course needs to be paid for by the family.

Note licensed drivers under the Age of 16 and 3 months are not allowed to drive with passengers (other than family in the car).

FOOD

Who provides the food?

Your host family will provide your food for each meal. (ISI provides lunch at no additional cost on school days)

Who prepares the meals?

Each family is different and you will need to learn their style. Many students prepare their own easy make breakfast on school days, enjoy lunch at ISI and then share dinner with their host family in the evening.

Some families will ask you to help in the preparation of meals and others will do this for you. Each family is different and it is important to communicate your likes, but also keep an open mind to experiencing new meals as part of your cultural experience.

You can offer your likes and dislikes to make the family grocery shopping list. It may even be a nice idea for you to offer to make dinner one night to share your culture with your

host family.

What if we go to a restaurant?

It is common to get busy with after school activities and athletic practices and games. Sometimes you may eat out in the evening. The host family would pay for this meal. Please remember if you go out to eat with friends without your host family it is your responsibility to pay for the meal.

What if I am hungry?

When you arrive at your host family they will show you where they keep the food for snacks. You may feel uncomfortable at first, but remember that you are becoming part of a family and sharing their home. If you ever feel you are not getting enough food to eat, tell your host parents first. If you are still having concerns, please come and speak to Mrs. Wolfe.

What if I have dinner plans with a friend?

If you are making plans with friends, please make certain that you tell your families this ahead of time so they can plan properly. Also, if you need transportation to this event, ask your host family ahead of time.

Will I like the dinner my host family prepares?

Eating meals your host family prepares is an important part of your cultural experience. You will not like everything prepared. Be honest and kind to your host family and share your likes and dislikes. Please always keep an open mind to

trying new things.

What if I am sick and unable to go to school?

Just as with your own child, please report the absence through ManageBac.

ManageBac - REGISTERING YOUR STUDENTS ATTENDANCE EXCUSAL

Here are the steps to record your child's attendance excusal in ManageBac.

Upon logging in on ManageBac, please click on attendance, the third option down on the left side. Once on the Attendance page, on the right side you are able to submit notices that will be sent to everyone at school who needs to know of your student's absence, and will also create a reminder note. If you have several students in your family who will be absent, please submit an attendance excusal for each one. You can do that by toggling your student's name (left corner, right above where it says "General").

Questions?

PYP: Stacy Gruen, sgruen@isind.org

MYP: Marithé Benavente-Llamas, mbenavente@isind.org

DP: Gabe Evans, gevans@isind.org

CELL PHONE AND COMPUTER

Do I need a cell phone?

Yes. We highly recommend this as it is a good way for host families to remain in touch with their international students. It is also a common form of communication with their new friends.

We recommend that you get a cell phone that DOES

NOT require a contract from a store like Best Buy or Walmart. We recommend you get a phone with international and local calling plan, text capabilities, and data usage. You can also Buy phone cards (that also allow for international calling) to add credits to your phone when you need them.

If biological families arrive with their children, we ask that you do this before leaving the states, or we ask host families to help make these arrangements.

HOST FAMILIES PLEASE DO NOT ADD INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO YOUR PHONE PLANS.

Is there a curfew on my electronic use?

Each family is different and has different rules. With International time differences we understand that it is the middle of the night here to talk to friends back home. It is not appropriate to be on your phone or computer after 11 PM on a school night. You need your rest and it can be disruptive to your sleep and to your family whom is trying to sleep to talk on the phone or skype late night.

ILLNESS/EMERGENCY/INSURANCE

Do I need to have student medical insurance?

Yes. It is very important and **required** that you have international student medical insurance. If you need to go to the hospital, or even visit a doctor, medical insurance will help pay for many of the expenses that come along with this bill. We recommend you get a policy with a very low co-pay (a co-pay is the amount you pay out of pocket when you visit the doctor or hospital) , but stay away from insurance

with benefit caps.

You will need to provide proof of insurance upon arriving to school. This will need to be updated and paid for annually. It is your responsibility each year to pay your annual premium and send us a copy of the insurance card so a copy of your insurance card can be given to your host family and to the Office of International Student Services.

We are not insurance experts, so we are unable to provide you with a recommendation, but there are many companies that provide international student insurance at a reasonable cost.

Many of our families have worked with Compass Benefits Group in Massachusetts or ISO.

What should I do if I get sick?

If it is during the school day, you can visit the front office. If you have a temperature you will need to call your host family to pick you up and go home for the day until you feel better and are without a temperature for at least 24 hours.

If your symptoms become worse, your host will need to take you to their family physician, an immediate care, or emergency room.

Who is the Financially Responsible Payee if a co-pay is due at time of visit?

The International Student is responsible for all payments due related to medical expenses and co-pays. The unique purpose of the International Student Insurance

allows for students to sign in and put themselves as the financially responsible. Although you will always need your host Family to have their Medical Consent Agreement, this does not make the Host Family responsible for any financial responsibility related to this visit.

**IF YOU ARE SEEKING ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT
REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR INSURANCE CARD AND
YOUR TRAVEL AND MEDICAL CONSENT AGREEMENT
SIGNED BY YOU AND YOUR HOST FAMILY.**

MONEY AND BANKING

Do I need to set up a bank account?

Yes. It is helpful for you to have access to money, and a way for your family to wire money to you while you are living here in the states. If you are under the age of 18 you will need to have your host family co-sign on the account. The host family will need to co-sign on the account as you must have a US address to open it.

You will need to have the following when you go to the bank with your host family:

- letter from the school to validate you are a student at ISI in full compliance with your F-1 Visa status, and identifying your home address

-Student ID with home address listed

-Form I-20

-Passport

Parents will then be given this information from the host family and can wire transfer money into these accounts as needed for their international student.

Your host family will provide availability to 3 meals a day, room and board. The cost for items such as clothing, electronics, going out with friends for meals or entertainment are expenses that you will need to have access to your money and pay for on your own.

A debit card is recommended for expenses such as this. It is a good idea for families to share with the host family their opinions on what is appropriate for their child to spend each month.

Money management is a learning opportunity for students, so we ask that hosts please help monitor and talk about positive money management and wants versus needs.

BEDROOM AND PERSONAL SPACE

Will I have my own Bedroom?

Yes. You will have your own bedroom that has a desk, proper lighting and a closet with drawers for keeping your clothes.

Will I have my own bathroom?

Not necessarily. This is not a requirement. You may share a bathroom with other members of the family. It is important to shower each and every single day. Always make sure you show respect for your family by leaving the bathroom in clean condition and ready for the next family member to use.

Who provides toiletries?

Toiletries are the items in a bathroom and shower that allow you to properly stay clean and healthy. The family will be asked to provide these items, but if there is something special you want, you may need to get that yourself at your own cost.

Do I do my own laundry?

Yes. Your host family will provide the washing detergent needed, but it will be your responsibility to work with them to learn how to do your laundry regularly.

Will I have time for quiet time?

Yes. It will be important that you have quiet and personal time to study and give yourself time to adjust to this new experience. But it is also important to interact with your family and share some family time with them each evening

as well.

RESPONSIBILITIES

What are my responsibilities as an international student?

Follow the rules set by your host family. You are a member of the family now and it is important that you follow the rules of your family and participate in the household chores. All families have different rules and expectations. It is important you know what is expected of you and do your part to be a positive member of the family.

Will I be able to get together with my friends?

Yes, please communicate your plans with your host family ahead of time to get their permission.

Will I have a curfew?

Each family is different and this will need to be discussed with your host.

Can a friend come over or spend the night at my host family's house?

Yes, please communicate your plans with your host family ahead of time to get their permission.

Expectations of International Students

- The International student agrees to interact and socialize with the homestay family to gain appreciation for American culture.
- The student agrees to respect the rules of the Host Family.
- Check in with International Student Services Office to report travel both within and outside of the country during holidays.
- Meet with the Office of International Student Services individually after their arrival and after they have settled into their homestay to make sure that everything is comfortable for them.

Expectations of Host Families

- All household members agree to host a student and celebrate the opportunity to welcome an International student as a member of their family.
- The host family provides a clean, friendly, safe and welcoming environment.
- The host family's primary consideration in hosting a student is for cross-cultural experience.
- Host families invite and encourage student participation in family events and outings while introducing the local community and visiting areas of interest.
- The host family provides a private, adequately furnished bedroom (bed/bedding/desk/desk chair/wardrobe or closet/good lighting) with a quiet study area and nutritional,

- well-balanced meals and snacks on a regular basis.
- The host family provides access to bathroom space and provides all toiletries and fresh linens as needed.
 - Provides 3 warm meals each day and access for snacks.
 - The host family will explain their rules and expectations (including rules for electronics, curfew, etc..)
 - The host family provides transportation to and from school, or coordinate bus service for student working in conjunction with the Office of International Student Services.
 - The host family will provide use of common areas in the home (living room, family room etc.)
 - Host family members are willing and able to involve the student in various activities and outings and provide transportation when necessary.
 - Encourage involvement in the daily functions of family life (meal preparation, clean up, etc.)
 - Host family members agree to respect the culture and values of the student.
 - The Host family will have open communication with the Office of International Student Services and be familiar with the rules and expectations of the program.
 - The Host family will provide feedback and updates to the Office of International Student Services regarding the overall well-being of the international student.
 - Ensure students notify Office of International Student Services of travel within or outside of country.
 - Report immediately to International Student Services if student does not come home overnight without the knowledge of the host.
 - Sick care: When the student is unwell and needs to see a doctor or go to the hospital, he will be taken by the host; if host is unable, they will contact Office of International

Students to take the student to the doctor.
-Notify the Office of International Student Services of any intention or need for change of accommodation.

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