

HOMESTAY FAMILY PROGRAM



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Providing Support
and Opportunities to
Our International Students



Ben Lippen School International Student Program (ISP)

Ben Lippen School's ISP exists to serve our international students, our houseparents, and our homestay families by providing academic, emotional, cultural, and spiritual support to ensure that our students are healthy, happy, and successful. The ISP offers two housing options for international students: on-campus boarding and homestay with an American family.

Homestay Family Program

Our homestay program exists for the benefit of our international students who prefer to experience life with an American family. Ben Lippen School ISP seeks to provide a family for the student who will love and care for the student as one of their own family members and will help them prepare for the next stage in life.

Homestay Families

Ben Lippen School ISP thoroughly screens our homestay families and only approves those we feel are qualified to provide a safe, loving home environment. We want our students to feel comfortable in their homestays and be able to depend on their American families for love and support.

What do homestay families provide?

- 2 meals a day, Monday through Friday (lunch is provided at school)
- 3 meals a day, Saturday and Sunday
- A private, quiet room for sleeping and studying
 - Internet access for homework
 - Transportation to/from school
- Transportation to/from CAE airport for student travel
- Transportation for school-related activities (sports, fine arts, etc.)
 - Regular shopping for personal necessities
- Help with student's phone, banking, and doctor's visits, etc.

Basically, a homestay family provides the support and opportunities that they would provide for their own child.

What are the expectations for international students?

Respect – Responsibility – Integrity

The expectation is that an international student will become a member of the family with the same privileges, but also the same reasonable responsibilities, as the other children in the home. Homestay families should always be treated with respect and students should share the normal responsibilities that other children in the home share. To build and maintain trust, students must display honesty and integrity in communication as well as behavior.

Homestay Family Fees

The homestay family fee covers approximately 10 months of housing during the school year, beginning a week before school begins and finishing a week after the school year ends. The fee also covers the three major school holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The homestay fee is not a "per month" fee and early departure will not result in reimbursement of the fee to the student.

What is not covered in the homestay family program fee?

The homestay family is not responsible for any medical bills, school-related expenses, or charges for personal items (e.g. clothes, toiletries, and activities).

What support will the ISP provide for the homestay program?

The Ben Lippen School ISP will support each student, his or her family, and the homestay family at every stage of the student's stay at Ben Lippen School, from arrival through graduation. Should there be any problems or conflicts, the ISP Director will act as mediator to help with communication and resolve any difficult situations.

