

Host Family and International Student Rules

Responsibilities as part of the family:

____ Students must attend church with host family and join the youth group if the church has one.

____ Host family needs to give the student a list of chores that need completed as part of the family.

____ Go over the rules of the household. Student should have a set time to go to bed each school night. We are recommending that bed times be set somewhere around 11:00. Parents must enforce a lights out policy. Students are not allowed to watch television, play video games, or use cell phones excessively even before bedtime.

____ If a student is allowed a cell phone, host families must monitor its usage. They are not allowed at school.

____ There should be a limitation on the use of the computer, video and phone usage by the student. The host family should set specific guidelines on time and use. It is suggested that no more than one to two hours a night should be spent alone in a room, unless the family feels the student is using that time to effectively study.

____ Students must be encouraged to eat, and socialize as part of the host family.

____ Students and host families are expected to follow the guidelines of the school behavioral and attitudinal guidelines as produced by the Center.

Responsibilities at school and in the community:

____ Students are here to study and must maintain a “C” average. No constant changing of classes will be allowed.

____ Student is to join at least one activity at school- clubs, sports, band, etc.

____ No individual student travel is allowed. The student can travel with host family or a school approved family (on a very limited basis), church sponsored trips or school sponsored trips.

____ Students are not permitted in any instance to purchase and/or use illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverages. Tobacco products and their use is strictly forbidden.

____ Dating relationships are discouraged and students may not be sent to another

house where opposite sex students are unless both host families and the school are in complete agreement that there is adequate adult supervision at all times. Overnight stays between students of opposite sex are never allowed except during emergency situations of needed child care. This must be approved by the school in advance.

____ Students cannot expect to spend the entire weekends with other students. Students should spend the majority of the weekend with the host family unless the host family needs a respite and would be out of town. Host families may arrange some alternating weekend visits for the students such as a Friday evening activity or a Saturday visit. Sunday should be spent with the host family and their activities such as church and Sunday school, family outings, etc.

____ Students may be allowed to be home alone on a very limited basis, such as getting on and off the school bus if the time is limited to less than one hour before school and two hours after school. Other times that students are left alone should be very limited and occasional, rather than the norm.

____ Some international students are required to take extra support classes as part of being at CCS such as ESL, Learning Support or Discovery, or may need additional academic or psychological testing. These services are the responsibility of the student and family.

____ Host Families must call the supervising international program staff if there is a problem-even if it is a small one. The following staff may be contacted as needed:

Lin Podolinsky – Host Family Coordinator & Director of Operations

724-593-9200 x 105 work, or 724-771-1966 cell; lin_podolinsky@champion.org

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Merle Skinner – Executive Director

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Responsibilities Relating to Finances:

____ Students must come with a full year health insurance policy. If not, the school will

purchase the policy and bill the family.

____ Tell the students in advance if they will need money when the family goes out. (Shopping, amusement parks, movies etc.) Students should open up a checking account in his/her name, or give a specific amount to the host family to manage, or have an international cash card. The host family has the right to monitor the amount of money the student is spending and on what. If there is a disagreement, the parents of the student will be notified and must approve the spending.

____ Students must have medical coverage for the entire year.

____ There will be NO lending or borrowing of money between students and host family (except on a very temporary emergency basis), or any other students or families.

____ Students must purchase an international phone card or have their own cell phone or online chat capabilities to call home at least bimonthly to communicate with their families and for the host families to communicate with the international families.

____ The host family must provide internet service for the student, wireless is recommended. This service must be monitored and a filter is suggested. (See Center tech department for additional information.) Students must share the use of this connectivity with the rest of the family appropriately, and usages may be suspended by the host family (Host family must notify the school if this happens.)

____ For international students the host family is responsible to provide regular meals, a room that is comfortable and equipped with a bed, dresser, closet, desk, and network connectivity. Students are responsible for meals outside of the home (although an occasional family outing may be covered by the host family as part of the stipend).

____ International students have already purchased hot lunch and breakfast at the school and should not expect the host family to provide that except on non-school days. All other costs such as student activity fees, athletic fees, trip fees, music lessons, and any other costs at the school are the responsibility of the students.

____ Host families should make an effort to purchase foods that the student likes, but also to encourage them to eat foods that the family enjoys. The cultural exchange is designed to work two ways for students and host families. If students want special snacks such as candy and other non-essential items, it is the responsibility of the student to buy that. We do encourage international students to make healthy food

choices and not indulge in “junk food” except on special occasions.

____ Students must pay all expenses incurred at the school on a monthly basis. If there is any outstanding balance, grades will not be released to the student or family.

Signature of host family _____

Signature of student _____

Signature of school representative _____

Date: _____