

Expectations for our Homestay Students

Living in a homestay environment provides you with an opportunity to develop friendships with individuals of a totally different culture. Your homestay family has been approved and selected by the school. In order to make your homestay a positive experience, the following expectations are required of you:

As an international student in the Sioux Falls Christian Homestay Program, I agree to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. I will make every effort to make my homestay experience a successful one.
2. While living in a homestay family, I will obey family rules and show respect for other family members. I realize since I am staying with this family, I am now part of this family and their rules for their children and accept their discipline if I should break the rules.
3. I will attend my host family's church on a regular basis and will make every attempt to participate in its programs.
4. I will ask questions of my host family to clarify expectations, responsibilities and freedoms in their home.
5. I will keep my room and common living areas clean and orderly.
6. I will communicate regularly with my host family to improve English skills.
7. I understand and accept the obligation to attend all classes in the educational program provided to me. I agree that all absences must be explained by a note from my homestay parent and that unexplained absences may lead to my dismissal from the program.
8. I agree that I will abide by all the laws of the United States and the rules of Sioux Falls Christian Schools. In particular, I understand that the unlawful use of drugs will not be tolerated and that alcohol use and smoking is also forbidden in all circumstances. I understand that violation of the above could result in my dismissal from the school.
9. I agree that I will not make overnight trips unless an adult accompanies me. I agree that the Host parents and/or International Student Director should approve all such travel.
10. I will try to participate in as many family activities as possible.
11. Expenses over and above room and board will be my responsibility. Examples: recreational activities, vacation, travel, etc.

12. I will have proof of insurance or an insurance card.
13. I agree to pay my host family for any damages I may cause while residing in their home and any additional expenses I may incur, for example: use of my host family's computer, phone, or other private property.
14. If problems arise, I will try to work out a solution with my Host parents. If there continues to be a problem, I will contact the Host Family Supervisor.
15. I will read the book entitled "Essential Guide of Homestay Students" provided by the school.

I understand failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement could result in dismissal from the Sioux Falls Christian Schools Homestay Program.

This agreement begins on _____

Student Name: _____

Home Country Address: _____

Home Country Email: _____

Home Country Phone Number: _____

Student Signature

Date