



International student program (ISP) rules and conditions

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As an international student (hereafter *student*) attending **North County Christian School** (hereafter *school*) and the parents/legal guardians (hereafter *parents*) of such a student, you must agree to the following international student program (hereafter ISP) rules and conditions. Please read them carefully and refer any questions to your ISP coordinator.

ISP Requirements, Purpose, and Stipulations

1. The student and his or her parents must complete all training materials and attend all orientation sessions offered by the school. These materials are designed to prepare the student and his or her family for the student's participation in the ISP, adjustment to the host country, and reentry to the home country.
2. The ISP is designed to increase understanding among people of the world through cultural learning and interaction; it is not to be used for the sole purpose of foreign language training for the student, although this will be a natural result. The student's parents should discuss the importance of good behavior with their son or daughter and ensure that he or she understands the significance of acting in a manner that will reflect well on his or her family and country.
3. The student must make a concerted effort to improve his or her ability in the language of the host country. Teachers, host parents or dorm parents (hereafter *host parents*), and others in the community will appreciate the effort, and learning the language well will go a long way toward the student's acceptance in the host community.
4. The student must make an effort to get involved in the host community by attending events and volunteering. He or she should plan recreation and spare-time activities around school, church, or community events. The student should not spend all his or her time with other international students. Also, students should choose friends carefully by asking for and heeding the advice of host parents, counselors, and school personnel.
5. A diploma and graduation are not guaranteed for any student. (The student should consult his or her guidance counselor about the requirements for graduation.)
6. The student's acceptance in the ISP and school does not guarantee that a student will be eligible to participate in athletics.
7. The student's parents (and the student, if the student is of legal age) give the school the right to use the student's photograph or video for reproduction in any medium for the purposes of publication, advertising, display, or editorial use. When using the student's picture, the school will not disclose the student's name or any additional personal or contact information. The school will not use photos to appeal to public pity or guilt when recruiting host families.
8. The school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any student whose conduct may be considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests and security of the ISP and the school. If this decision is ever taken, the student and his and her parents will be notified in writing and reimbursement of any tuition and fees paid will follow the school's refund policy.

Laws of the Host Country

9. The student must obey the laws of the host country and the states or provinces where he or she lives and visits. If found guilty of violating any law, the student must return home at his or her family's own expense as soon as the student is released by authorities. A host school representative will ensure that the student is transported to the airport.
10. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. (Medicine prescribed to the student by a physician is allowed.)
11. The drinking of *any* alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. Even if the laws of the host country, state, or province allow students to consume alcoholic beverages, the student is not allowed to do so. (All U.S. states have strict age restrictions on the use of alcoholic beverages.)
12. Smoking and the use of *any* tobacco products is forbidden. (Most U.S. states forbid the sale of tobacco products for those under the age of 18. Although other countries and provinces may allow the use of tobacco products, the use of such products has been proven to be a serious health risk. Therefore, the school forbids the use of tobacco products of any kind.)



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Rules of the Host Family or Dormitory Family (hereafter *host family*) and Host School

13. The student and his or her parents must communicate with the host parents before the student's departure from the home country. (The school will provide the host family's contact information to the student before his or her departure. Student placements are based on compatibility with the selected host family as determined by the ISP coordinator.)
14. The student will become an integral part of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal for a child of his or her age in the family. Therefore, the student must obey the host family's rules and be willing to participate in family activities such as attending religious services.
15. Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first by discussion between the host family and the student, and then with the assistance of the ISP coordinator.
16. The student will attend school regularly and will be enrolled as a full-time student. He or she must make a concerted effort to complete assignments on time and to make satisfactory progress in his or her school and cocurricular activities.
17. The student will obey the disciplinary rules of the host school and will be respectful and obedient to all school officials.
18. While the school desires the student's parents to maintain a friendly relationship with the host family, the parents must follow the established lines of communication for official business. (All formal communication, including questions, concerns, and complaints, should be directed to the ISP coordinator only.)
19. Visits by the student's parents, siblings, or friends while the student is attending the school require prior approval by the ISP coordinator, and they must fit within specific ISP guidelines. Typically, visits may be arranged during spring break but are not recommended during major holidays. Host families will not be expected to house the student's guests at any time.
20. If admitted by the school into the ISP, the student will receive training and written material on abuse and harassment, including contact information for the person he or she should contact in the case of abuse or harassment. The student should talk with the ISP coordinator, host parents, or another trusted adult if he or she encounters any form of abuse or harassment.

Insurance Coverage and High-Risk Behavior

21. The student must have insurance that provides health, medical, and accident coverage for injury and illness; death benefits (including repatriation of remains); disability or dismemberment benefits; emergency medical evacuation; emergency visitation expenses; 24-hour emergency assistance services; legal services; and personal liability. The coverage must be active from the time of the student's departure from his or her home country until his or her return.
22. The student is forbidden to participate in any dangerous sport or activity such as hang gliding, bungee jumping, skydiving, or traveling in a private plane. If the student participates in any of the above activities or any other dangerous activity, he or she may immediately be returned home at his or her family's expense. The family will accept full responsibility for any situation arising from the student's involvement with such activities.
23. The student will abstain from ~~all~~ sexual activity. Serious romantic involvement is strongly discouraged.
24. For health reasons, the student is not allowed to get a new tattoo or body piercing while attending the school and living in the host country. (The student will be subject to normal school rules regarding the display of existing tattoos or body piercings.)
25. Inappropriate use of the Internet by the student, including viewing pornography and visiting questionable websites, is not acceptable. Such activity will first result in a warning, and subsequent activity will result in school dismissal.
26. The student may not operate a motorized vehicle unless he or she is participating in driver education classes approved by his or her ISP coordinator. (Participation in driver education classes is not guaranteed. The student is not allowed to use the host family's



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vehicle or any other vehicle to practice driving. If a license is obtained through an approved driver education program, the license must be immediately given to the ISP coordinator. It will be returned to the student on the day of departure for home.)

27. The student may not take any action that may change the nature of his or her life (for example, becoming engaged or married).

Finances

28. The student should have sufficient financial support to assure his or her well-being during the entire duration of his or her enrollment in the school and to cover all expenses that may arise. Expenses that must be covered by the student and his or her parents include the following:

- a. All school tuition, fees, and uniforms
- b. Round-trip international airfare, passport, and visa
- c. Health, medical, dental, and accident insurance and any medical expenses not covered by insurance
- d. Any costs related to the early return of the student to his or her home country for any reason
- e. Personal day-to-day expenses such as telephone, clothes, and recreational activities (suggested amount: approximately US\$200 a month)
- f. Additional costs as circumstances arise

29. The student and his or her parents must pay bills promptly.

30. The student and his or her parents must determine how the student's personal spending money will be handled (for example, wire transfers, prepaid debit card, credit card) and communicate this to the school and the host family.

31. The student is not permitted to borrow money.

Travel

32. The student and his or her parents are required to purchase round-trip international air travel before the student leaves his or her home country. The student is to carry the return ticket to the host country and keep it in safekeeping until he or she returns home. (The ISP coordinator will supply information such as which airport or airports to use and the days and times of departure and arrival.)

33. The student is permitted to travel domestically with proper adult chaperones for school activities or with his or her host parents. The ISP coordinator, the student's host parents, and the student's parents must approve any other travel in writing. Students who travel by air to visit adult (age 18 or older) relatives and are considered minors by the airline must pay to be chaperoned by the airline while they travel. Independent travel, during which the student will spend time at a particular destination without proper adult supervision, is not allowed at any time during his or her enrollment in the school. (A student who has the opportunity to go on a trip or attend an event must make sure he or she understands all costs and responsibilities involved before going.)

34. During the school year, first-year students are only allowed to go home early because of emergency situations (for example, the death of a family member). Returning year-long students may go home during Christmas break. In all situations, approval to go home must be granted by the ISP coordinator.

35. Within 10 days of the last day of school, the student must either return home or be enrolled in an approved summer camp in the host country. The school will not provide host families during the summer break. Therefore, the student will not be granted permission to stay in the host country unless he or she is enrolled in a summer camp approved by the ISP coordinator (for example, ESL camp). If a student is not enrolled in a camp for the entire summer break, he or she must return home.