



## Guidelines hosting a foreign student:

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1. Host families should incorporate their student into their household, and provide them with the same care that they would provide to their own high-school age children. This includes providing the student with rules and expectations and playing a parental role in the child's life. If the student's behavior or grades become a problem, host parents may seek the assistance of an EAE representative.
2. Host families must include their student in family activities such as attending church, sitting down to dinner, or going to a picnic. This does not mean that you must include your student in all of your activities or vacations, but that he or she would be expected to join in activities that generally include all the members of the household.
3. Host families must provide adequate transportation for your student to ensure that he or she is able to attend school, after school activities, and participate in appropriate social functions with his or her peers. Providing transportation may include having the student bussed between your home and the school, cooperating with other families and teachers of the school, and personally providing transportation when necessary. This does not mean that you are personal taxi driver for your student. Host families may say no to a student when he or she makes an unreasonable request.
4. Host families must provide their student with their own bedroom. Only under special circumstances may a student share a bedroom, and this must be specifically approved by an EAE representative. The bedroom must be totally finished, have at least one window, have a bed and a dresser, be free of items used by other members of the household, and measure at least one hundred and twenty square feet.
5. Host families must provide their student with a quiet space to study and complete homework. There must be a desk and internet access that the student may use freely between school and bedtime. This may or may not be in their bedroom, and it is recommended that host parents do not allow the students to take their computer to bed with them.
6. Host families must set a time after which the student is no longer allowed to use their computer. We recommend that students leave their computers downstairs after eleven o'clock pm. This time must be no later than midnight.
7. Host families must ensure their student is provided with three healthy meals per day. Often students will purchase school lunches or eat at a friends house. However, students should have the same access to food and drink as other members of the household. Rules of the house regarding cooking and eating must be clearly stated to the student.
8. Students are not adults and are in need of love and guidance. Host families must communicate with their students their rules and expectations, and must engage their student in a caring way and help to guide him or her through their year in high school. Host parents are expected to act as parents and are endowed with the rights and responsibilities of guardian to the student while the student is in their care.
9. Host families must communicate regularly with their EAE representative to keep us well informed of the student's progress and well being. Please also send us one photograph each quarter (every two and a half months) of your student either with your family or participating in an activity. We will email you to ask for an update if we have not heard from you.
10. Host families must submit clearances for all adult members of the household no later than by September first. Please submit a child abuse history and a criminal background check. EAE will provide you with the links to the website on which to request your clearances.