

Sunrise Beach High School

Welcome International Students Homestay Agreement

STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN / HOST PARENT HOMESTAY AGREEMENT

Recommended Host Family and International Student Financial Agreement

Bearing the Costs: There are costs associated with the Student's stay; some of the expenses are supplied by the Host Family and some by the Students.

- Neither the Student, nor the Host Family, may borrow money from or loan money to the other party.
- Both the Host Family and Student should contact the student's sponsoring agency for specific information related to program related expenses.
- What follows is meant to be a guide for who is responsible for meeting the needs as they arise.

Needs Met by the Student – Student needs are supplemented, in large part, by their natural parents by any of several means.

- The Student(s) may receive his/her allowance in the form of cash, forwarded through their sponsoring organization, or they may make purchases by way of a credit card.
- Another option is that the Student may have access to a bank account established prior to arriving in the United States.
- The Host Family should not have any responsibilities toward establishing the account, as it will be accessed by way of an ATM card. However; the Host Parents may need to escort the Student to the bank to activate any such account.
- The Student(s) may spend his/her allowance as they wish; they do understand that there are some expenses for which they bear the cost. Itemized below are some examples of expenses, consistent with program guidelines, for which the Student is responsible.
 - Purchasing calling cards
 - Purchasing letter writing materials including postage
 - School required clothing and club membership dues and/or fees
 - Hygiene supplies
 - Sports physicals and specific recreational items

Needs Met by the Host Family – There are some needs the Host Family will meet on behalf of the Student.

- For example, if the Student accompanies the Host Family while dining out or attending some other activity, the Host Parents should be prepared to pay for the Student's expenses. The monthly stipend is intended to off-set some of these expenses.
- The intent of the program is to integrate the Student into the family, as a member, so let good parenting skills and common sense guide the Host Family when deciding whether to provide something or have the Student pay the cost.

Compensation: The Host Family is not an employee of Sunrise Beach School and therefore not entitled to wages, salary or benefits. However, the Host Family shall receive a stipend, in lieu of benefits, wages or salary, as a means of offsetting some of the expenses associated with the consumption of material resources in the interest of the Student.

- **Payments** – stipends are normally paid by the same date of the Student's placement to the host home in each calendar month.
 - The payments are made in advance, and are intended to cover the expenses for the month payment is received.
 - The preferred method of payment is by way of cashier's check, from the owner, and sent via U.S. mail.
 - Stipends for initial placements are made within five business days of the Student being received by the Host Family.
- **Compensation Rate** – of \$1,050.00 per Student/per month is based on a 28-30 day month calculation (and includes bookkeeping fee). In cases that the Student is hosted for less than a full month, the daily rate is used to determine the entitlement. Obviously, the compensation rate is left to negotiations concerning the specific level of support. This is the suggested level, however, made by Sunrise Beach School, in support of our Host Families.
- **Transportation Entitlement** – in qualifying cases, a transportation entitlement is included in the monthly stipend.
- **Stipend Refund** – a compensation refund may be applicable when a Host Family is unable or unwilling to care for the Student for the duration of the Host Period specified on the contract.
 - In such cases, the Guardians/Host Parents are responsible for promptly informing the SBS International Program Director four weeks or more in advance, to arrange another placement for the Student.
 - The refund would be for the remainder of the current month that the Student would not be cared for by the exiting Host Family.

Introduction to the Home – Moving to a foreign country and living with a group of strangers could be a stressful situation for anyone.

- At this point, the Host Parents need to be the “parents” to a new child.
- The Host Family can assist in acclimatizing the Student(s) to their new surroundings, by getting them acquainted with the home, its furnishings and routines.

The Host Home and Provisions – The host home is contractually obligated to possess and provide some basic necessities for the duration of the Student's stay.

These things include:

- a clean, safe and healthy environment to live in
- a room for the Student;

- a bed to sleep in and bed linens including a pillow
- a bathroom facility;
- bath linens and basic hygiene supplies
- a telephone
- kitchen
- transportation
- a regular space for the Student to do homework
- high-speed internet capability (highly desirable)

Room Furnishings and Provisions – As a program requirement, the Student’s room must be supplied with a bed, linens and pillow, closet and/or dresser space for their clothing.

- The Host Family is responsible for providing the Student with a bathroom and basic hygiene supplies such as soap, shampoo and bath linens.
- The Students must also have a regular space to do their homework.
- It is preferred that the Students be provided a desk in their room, but in cases where Students share a room and space limitations do not allow for separate desks inside the rooms, other arrangements may be made.

The Ground Rules – As a matter of priority, give the Student the ground rules right after getting settled in the home.

- Because the Student will be tired, focus on the most important ones at that time. After the Student(s) have rested, make sure to go over the ground rules again, only this time in more detail.
- The ground rules may include curfew times, house-hold chores, or regular events such as meal times.
- The Host Family may prepare an itemized list of things they want the Students to remember for the duration of their stay with the family.

Appliance Use – (For purposes in this section, “appliances” refer to the host home telephone, television, computer, computer games and other electronic devices).

- The Host Family should be prepared to curb the time spent talking on the telephone, playing video games, or watching television, should they notice a decrease in the Student’s academic performance due to these activities.
- If the Host Family regulates appliance use, be sure the limitations are reasonable.

Transportation –

- The Host Family is responsible for taking the Student to the store to purchase supplies, to outings such as church, social events or perhaps family trips.
- Additionally, it is a Host Family responsibility to take the Student(s) to and from school.

The Student’s Role in the Family – One of the things the family can do is to get the Student involved in the normal school and household routines as soon as possible.

- For example; if the Student will make his/her own breakfast and/or lunch, show them where to find the food and dishes, and teach them what to do when they have completed their meals.
- Be sure to go over the routine for a few days to allow the Students a chance to acclimate to these practices.

