

HOST FAMILY RULES



Thank you for agreeing to host a Fairmont international student. In order to help you prepare to host one of our students, here is a list of what the students are told to expect from a host family.

In addition to English being the primary language spoken in the home, host families are required to:

- Provide a safe family environment for the international student.
- Provide rules and guidelines for the student to follow, as if he or she were your own child:
 - Curfew
 - Homework rules
 - Household chores
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- Provide a bedroom with, sheets, towels, a dresser, and a desk. The desk/workspace does not need to be in the bedroom.
- Provide “generic” toiletries for the student’s use, whatever the host family usually uses. If the student has more luxurious tastes, they will have to buy those items themselves.
- Provide breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday and all meals on weekends.
- While the student may be able to take Fairmont transportation (depending on the location of the host family), the host parent might be required, from time to time, to provide rides for your international guest (i.e. pick up from special events, meetings with friends, etc.). The host family might also be required to drive the student to and from school if they do not live close to an existing school bus route.

RESPECT/COMMUNICATION

Students are expected to treat their host family with the same respect as their own parents. This respect is a two way street and the students should be allowed to earn the respect of the host family as well.

Students and hosts should communicate consistently with each other to make sure that schedules are met. We suggest having a family calendar where everyone can post their activities, test dates, due dates for reports, vacation days, etc. In addition, weekly family meetings help to ensure that the family stays in touch with each other.

Make sure that you have your student’s cell phone number and that the student(s) have the telephone numbers and address of the host family in case of emergency.

CURFEW

In Southern California the law states that people under the age of 18 must be home by 10:00 PM seven days a week. Exceptions may be made for school events as long as the student has a letter signed by the school or the guardian/host family. The host family may set the Sunday-Thursday curfew at an earlier time.

For students over the age of 18, we strongly suggest that the curfew remains 10:00 pm.

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CHORES

All students must:

- Keep their rooms clean
- Tidy the kitchen when they cook or eat on their own
- Keep their bathrooms clean
- Do their own laundry

Each host family has the right to add general chores to this list such as taking out the garbage, helping do dishes.

TELEPHONE

Students are not allowed to use the host family's phone for long-distance calls. Students must use a cell phone or calling card to make long-distance calls. Use of the family phone for local calls is at the discretion of the host family and will be discussed at the time of move-in.

COMPUTER

The computer and the internet are wonderful tools that teach, entertain, and help students to keep in touch with their friends and families overseas. The student is responsible for completing his/her schoolwork before chatting with friends or playing games. Also keep in mind that the student should not spend much time on sites in his/her home language, he/she should try to spend his/her time utilizing English language sites. We do not want the host family to "police" the student's actions online, however it is a good idea to monitor the student's computer usage.

TRANSPORTATION

Each student is responsible for getting to and from school; by either Fairmont bus or public transportation. If the bus stop is too far from the homestay then the host family is responsible for getting the student to and from the bus stop. If the bus stop is at a school or library it is OK for the student to wait for a while until the host family is able to pick them up from the stop. **From time to time the student will need a ride to go shopping, to a friend's house, or to/from a school activity.**

FOOD

Host families are required to provide breakfast and dinner daily and all meals on weekends. Lunch at school and after school snacks are up to the student. They can purchase lunch at school, or can ask the host family to take them shopping so that they can purchase food that they would like to have for lunch and for snacking. We suggest that the host family provide an area in the refrigerator and/or the pantry for the student to keep their personal food.

INSURANCE

Students are required to have medical insurance. The host family will be provided with a copy of the student's insurance; a form giving the host family authorization to treat a minor signed by the natural parents; as well as immunization records and any other medical information that has been provided to Fairmont.

FAMILY RULES

If the host family has their own specific rules please provide the student and the school with written copies of the rules prior to or at the time of student placement.

It is our experience and hope that the student will become a member of the host family and the lives of everyone will be enriched.