



Building Blocks Homestay  
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## **Host Family Requirements**

1. **Initial Placement:** - All students shall be provided a private or semi-private bedroom. Host family must agree to host students in the same gender, either male or female, there will not be mix gender placement unless participants are blood related. - Female students will not be placed with a family where there is only male member(s). Female adult group leaders will not be placed in the same house with male students. Male adult group leaders will not be placed in the same house with female students.

2. **Room and Environment:** Host family agrees to provide a clean and organized living environment for visiting students. All bedding, including sheets, pillow cases, quilts, blankets need to be washed or cleaned before being used. The room students sleep in, need to be a regular bedroom with at least one window and well ventilated. The room cannot be the basement, attic or the garage. Each student needs to have their own bed. The bed the student uses should be a regular bed with a bed frame, a bunk bed or a trundle bed. A mattress on the floor, waterbed, air mattress, sofa beds, futons or any other irregular bed types are not acceptable for visiting students to use.

-Students will also need to be provided a dresser and/or closet to keep their belongings in during their stay. Visiting students will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves and keeping their rooms clean.

-Bathroom may be a private or shared facility. Cleaned towels must be initially provided for the student.

-The host family should inform coordinator if the family has any pets or any special diet habits and or restrictions.

3. **Meals:** Breakfast and dinner must be provided daily as part of the Host Family responsibilities.

**Breakfast** - Breakfast can be hot or cold; self-serve is fine as long as the Host family explains the procedures to the student. The Host family should show the student around the kitchen, letting the student know where cooking utensils and breakfast foods are kept.

**Dinner**- Dinner should be a sit-down meal as a family at least 3 to 4 nights a week. Meals should be nourishing and menus should be varied. On evenings when the Host family will not be able to sit down to a meal, the student must be provided with a prepared meal.

**Lunch** - Lunch will be provided to the student from the attending school. Lunch and in-between meal snack foods are not included in the Homestay program fees. Students will be expected to respect the Host family's conditions for access to their refrigerator, pantry, and other areas containing food items. In return, the Host family will be expected to protect all personal food items and other consumables purchased by the student and stored in the Host family's refrigerator or pantry.



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4. **Transportation:** Host family agrees to drive the students to and from school or other planned activities. Host families agrees to use a reliable vehicle while driving students around. Each student in the vehicle will have his or her own seat, overloading is not acceptable. Each seat will have a functional seat belt. The host family is required to have a properly insured vehicle while driving the students around. Only properly licensed family members are allowed to transport students during the program. In the event the host family ask others to pick or drop off the student, host family should advise the coordinator in advance.

5. **Interaction:** Host family agrees to provide cultural interactions as much as possible during the program. Host family will try to take students out for activities for at least once a week. Student will be responsible for any purchases they make during the activities. Host families must realize that English fluency is an important part of this international student exchange program. Keep in mind that when speaking and communicating with the students, that English language should be the primary spoken language. Host families are an important factor in the learning process for the visiting international students.

6. **Background check clearance:** All members of the host family who are 18 years of age and older are subject to a background check. A member is defined as a person who lives in the property, include but not limited to a family members, relatives, friends, roommates, and maids.

7. **Student problems or concerns:**

If the Host Family becomes aware of a personal problem or difficulty that the student is experiencing (whether school-related or personal), this should be brought to the attention of the Homestay coordinator. Such matters are kept confidential unless the contrary is necessary to provide a solution.

-Building Blocks Homestay coordinator will coordinate with students, schools, parents, and host families to ensure all the needs are being met.

-Building Blocks Homestay coordinator will communicate with students to ensure they follow the rules of the Host family.

-Building Blocks Homestay coordinator will rearrange the placement in the event of both host family and student has conflicts with each other and if mediations don't resolve the problems.