



International Student Program

Host Family Selection Criteria for students from Villa Maria Academy, Santiago, Chile

Whether a Villa María Academy family or a family in the United States, the aim of the International Student Program is also to provide a valuable, educational, and fun experience for the hosting family.

Families who agree to host an ISP participant become an integral part of the participants' intercultural experience and must be aware of this large responsibility. Through proper documentation provided upon the participant's arrival, hosting parents become the legal guardians for the visiting student throughout the student's visit. Hosting parents are asked that they integrate the visiting student into the family by providing the student with the same safe and comforting environment they provide their own children.

Additionally, hosting families are required to provide the following throughout the duration of the student's visit:

- Meet participants at the airport on scheduled day and time of arrival
- Do not charge room and board fees
- When applicable, school uniform for student if not provided by hosting school.
- Transportation to school, if necessary.
- A bed for the student, complete with sheets, comforter, and pillow. This bed cannot be shared with other family members.
- Three square meals a day for the student, including school lunch. These meals should respect the student's dietary needs if necessary.
- Space for the student to complete homework.
- Proper utilities, including electricity, water, and telephone.
- A clean living environment, including clean bathroom and shower for the student.
- Area for student to wash and dry laundry.
- A home environment in which the language used is the target language for the participant (i.e. English for Chile participant, Spanish for U.S. participant)
- Respect for the student's privacy and cultural transition.

All expenses outside of those mentioned above are the responsibility of the ISP participant. While families are encouraged to spend time with the participant outside of the household environment, families are not expected to provide any form of entertainment or activities for the student during their stay.

Prior to the student's arrival, the International Student Program will provide communication between the hosting family, the student's family, and Villa María Academy in order to prepare all parties for the experience. It is the hope of the International Student Program that the connection between student, hosting family, and student's family lasts beyond this primary intercultural experience.

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Host Family Application Form

(This form will be sent to your Chilean guest)

US student host name:	Grade Level:
Names of family members:	
Address:	
Home phone:	
Cell phone(s):	
Emails:	
Professions of parents:	
Hobbies/interests of individual family members:	
Expectations of your guest:	
Important personal information (allergies, special family dynamics):	
Does anyone in your family smoke?	
What kinds of pets do you have?	
How will your guest get to and from school each day?	
Why do you want to host a student from Chile?	