

HOST FAMILY GUIDELINES



SETTING EXPECTATIONS:

Review the "setting expectations" form as a family and with the student. Document items to ensure proper understanding and regular review if needed. Host families are advised to treat the student as their own children, using similar rules and expectations. Monthly communication with RETG should take place to report any problems and questions, including any disciplinary needs. Students will also be asked on a regular basis about the host family arrangement.

MEALS:

Host families are responsible for providing 3 meals per days. Students and host families should communicate as to whether they will purchase a hot lunch or bring lunch to school. Students are responsible for purchasing hot lunches if it is their decision to purchase.

MONEY AND BANKING:

Families are not to open bank accounts for their international students. Students are not to borrow money from host family members. Stipends should not be communicated with the student. Questions or concerns with a student's finances should be discussed with RETG.

STIPENDS:

Stipends are to be used towards the student's room and boarding needs. Questions or concerns about the stipend should be directed towards RETG.

TRANSPORTATION:

Host families will provide transportation for the student to/from school, if a bus is not available. International students attending Jenison High School are not permitted to drive.

TRAVEL:

The student is expected to ask for permission if he/she wishes to travel or attend a special event, including all the details of whom will be in attendance and when he/she will return, as well as transportation details. Students are not permitted to travel alone. When the host family is traveling without the international student, arrangements should be made at least one week prior with RETG. Natural parents will be notified of the temporary housing arrangements.

REPORTING ISSUES:

Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first through discussion with the student/host family, then with the assistance of RETG. Academic issues and school related questions or concerns should be addressed with the JIA International Coordinator, Emily Kaminski.