



Arroyo Pacific Academy

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Homestay Guidelines and Rules for Students and Host Parents 2017-2018

1. All Arroyo Pacific Academy students must live with an adult over the age of 25 who is employed.
2. Prior to leaving the home country for Arroyo Pacific Academy, the student's parents should discuss the importance of good behavior with their student and ensure that he or she understands the significance of acting in a manner that will reflect well on his or her family and country.
3. The student must make an effort to get involved in the host community by attending and participating in school or community events.
4. Arroyo Pacific Academy reserves the right to terminate a student's participation in the International Student Program if his or her conduct is considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests of the International Student Program. Violations of school policy outside of school hours may also impact the student's enrollment in the International Student Program. In this case, all tuition and fees paid will be nonrefundable and the student's Form I-20 will be terminated.
5. The student must obey the laws of the United States and the State of California. A student found guilty of violating the law will be returned home at the family's own expense as soon as the student is released by authorities.
6. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Smoking and the use of any tobacco products are forbidden. The drinking of any alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. United States law strictly forbids the consumption of alcohol for everyone under age 21.
7. The student and his or her parents must communicate with the Admissions Office prior to the student's departure from the home country. International students may not arrive on campus prior to the International Student Registration Day without prior permission from Mr. Robert Nguyen, Director of Admissions.
8. International students will each live with an Arroyo Pacific Academy host family or an approved host family. The host family must be able to effectively communicate in English. Students are expected to live with the same host family for the duration of the school year.
9. The student must obey the host family's rules and be willing to participate in family activities. The student must be respectful of the host family and the host family's property.
10. The student will become an integral part of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities are normal for a child of his or her age in the host family household. This may include cooking, doing dishes, helping with laundry, and cleaning the home.
11. Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first through discussion with the host family, then with the assistance of the school or homestay organization. If the student is experiencing any sort of relational stress or difficulty or experiences abuse or harassment of any kind, he or she will immediately disclose the incident to the homestay organization and/or the administration at Arroyo Pacific Academy.

12. The student will attend school daily and will be enrolled as a full-time student. The student must make a concerted effort to make satisfactory academic progress (A, B or C grades) and must be involved in some co-curricular activities. If a student is achieving a **D** average or lower, the host parent and the Dean of Studies may require additional study hours or tutoring and limit co-curricular and weekend activities until the grade is improved.

13. Host parents and/or guardians must have a current email address and communicate in English directly with the teacher for all official academic issues regarding their student. Issues not resolved must be brought to the attention of the administration.

14. Visits by the student's family or friends are encouraged; however, host families will not be expected to house student's guests at any time.

15. Students must inform their host parent about any medication they bring from their home country to take on a regular or occasional basis.

16. The student is forbidden from participating in any dangerous sports or activities such as, but not limited to, hang gliding, bungee jumping, and skydiving. The host family and the school will not accept any responsibility for any situation arising from the student's involvement in any forbidden activity.

17. Serious romantic involvement is strongly discouraged. The student may not take any action that may change the nature of his/her life (for example, become engaged or married).

18. A personal cell phone or an International Calling Card must be provided to each international student by his or her parents, unless this requirement is waived by the SEVIS Principal Designated School Official.

The Internet may be accessed from the host family residence. The host family may limit Internet and cell phone usage to certain hours of the day, if they feel it is interfering with academic progress or with face to face social connections.

19. Students may bring their own computer if approved by the host family. Inappropriate use of the Internet by the student, including viewing pornography or visiting questionable websites, is not acceptable. Such activity may result in program termination.

20. The student should have sufficient financial support to ensure his or her well-being during the entire program of study and yearly enrollment at Arroyo Pacific Academy.

Parents by the date specified must submit proof of a checking account with an ATM/Debit card in the student and parent name with a \$2,000 balance to be used for personal expenses while at Arroyo Pacific Academy.

21. The student is not permitted to borrow money from the host family.

22. The student is not allowed to relocate from the homestay without prior approval from school officials. Proper relocation requests procedures must be followed. Failure to do so may result in the termination of the student from the International Student Program.

23. If for any reason the student is unable to participate in the International Student Program, a refund is not guaranteed. The amount refunded, if any, will depend on the timing and the circumstances of the withdrawal.

24. The student is permitted to travel domestically with the host parents or with Arroyo Pacific Academy sponsorship. Independent travel, aside from trips directly to and from the home country, is

not allowed unless prior approval is granted from the SEVIS Principal Designated School Official. The cost of independent travel would be the student and his/her family's responsibility.

25. International students, their parents or guardians and host parents are expected to read and be familiar with the Arroyo Pacific Academy School Handbooks. By signing the Statement of Agreement, host parents or guardians are agreeing to the standards, rules, policies and procedures detailed in the School Handbooks.

Host Parent Expectations

1. Host Parents must be able to communicate effectively In English.
2. Host Parents must notify the school when the student is absent.
3. Host Parents are expected to be able to account for the student's whereabouts when the student is not in school. This includes weekends, evenings, and when the student is absent.
4. Host Parents are expected to ensure that the student is attending school. If the Host Parent is having difficulty with the student in this matter, the host parent needs to notify the school so that appropriate actions can be taken. Failure to meet this responsibility may result in the relocation of the student to a new homestay.
5. Host Parents must notify the school immediately when they are aware that the student is relocating.
6. Host Parents are not allowed to host more than 2 students from Arroyo Pacific Academy. Violation of this policy will result in being removed as an approved homestay.
7. Host Parents are expected to be involved with their student and with the school community.
8. Host Parents are expected to have a current email address and working telephone number. Most school communications are sent by email, so they are expected to check their emails daily. Host Parents should also check the status of their student's progress on Jupiter.
9. Host Parents are not allowed to leave their student unsupervised when they go out of town.

The administration of Arroyo Pacific Academy reserves the right at any time to interpret and/or change the policies herein.