

CUSSD SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Definition of terms:

Parents = The students' actual parents in the home country

Guardian = Designated Guardian, a sending agency, actual relative or speaker of parent's language assigned to legally represent the parents on behalf of the student (Guardian is NOT the host family)

Agency = A company representing the parents whose business it is to find schools for international students

Company = A company whose business it is to find homes for international students

Host family = Usually an unrelated family with whom the student lives--obtained by an company or by the parents

Changing homes, guardians, companies, or information:

1. Students may not make their own arrangements
2. Students must have permission to change homes from parents, through Designated Guardians or Liaison, and arranged by Homestay Placement Company
3. The school, the old host family, and the company must have a minimum of 15-day notice before the change occurs
4. The new host family must come in to the office and change all forms BEFORE the student moves in
5. The new host family needs to communicate first with the company, then the old host family concerning debts/issues
6. Address, email, phone, etc., changes must be communicated to the school to maintain F-1 (student) status
7. Students accepted through a agency remain under that agency or must re-apply as a new student
8. Every student must be placed in a company approve homestay or submit a Affidavit of Relationship for Homestay

Driving:

1. Students may attend private driver's education classes and cover all related expenses themselves
2. Students must have Parents' or Guardians' as well as Host Family's permission to attend those classes
3. Student who drives must live with Parents or Designated Guardians (NOT a host family)
4. Homestay students are NOT to drive outside of driver's education classes or AFTER obtaining a license
5. After obtaining a license, homestay students MUST turn in license to the parents or guardian
6. Licensed students may NOT drive other minor students around nor allow minor students to drive
7. Students must receive specific written permission from other "adult" students' parents before driving them

Academics: Students must

1. be in attendance for a minimum of 2 years to receive a Christian High diploma
2. attend summer school if admission is for 11th grade, second semester
3. take a full load (7 classes including Bible) each semester to remain in F-1 status
4. achieve a "B" in English 9 or Advanced English (ESL IV) before attempting English 10, 11, or 12
5. be able to graduate before age 20
6. attend school with fewer than 11 absences (excused, unexcused, vacation) per semester per class to receive credit
7. be in attendance for a minimum of 3 years to be ranked

Supervision:

1. Students must physically live within the same home as the guardian, parent, or home stay family
2. The guardian, home stay family or adult representative must be over 24 years old
3. The guardian, home stay or adult representatives must know and verify that there is adult (over 24) supervision for all student over-night stays
4. Travel, academic, home change decisions for students without guardians will be guided by the school
5. Students without guardians must have a \$1000.00 deposit and pay an annual \$1000.00 liaison fee
6. Un-chaperoned overnight trips are not permitted

Home Expectations:

1. Homes need to know and support the school's expectations, standards and rules
2. Multiple students within the same language group in the same home, and Boy / girl multiple-international student combinations are unacceptable
3. Students should be offered inclusion in family's routines, activities, and life
4. Homes must keep informed of school activities/meetings and student's academic and behavior (through website)
5. Homes are responsible for information from the website, email communications, and direct mailings
6. Homes must know of, abide by, and instruct students in school's attendance, tardy, etc., guidelines
8. Homes must have and maintain student contact information including: insurance, guardian, parent, etc.
9. Timely transportation to and from school and various activities needs to be maintained
10. Guidance in and adherence to regular and timely homework and study opportunities is necessary
11. Guidance in Internet, screen, and phone use is important