

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM**  
**Host Families-Most Commonly Asked Questions**

**1. How long do most of these International Students stay at our School?**

The majority of the International Students plan to attend school for the entire school year. Our school year begins in August and concludes in June. At the conclusion of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, we will encourage them to continue at Luther Preparatory High School in Watertown, WI.

**2. How long is a host family expected to keep an International Student in their home?**

The host family will have the international student with them for the entire school year.

**3. Do the International Students stay for an entire year?**

Once the school year is over, the International Students return to their home country for the summer time. If a student decides to stay for the full year arrangements would have to be made and additional compensation is paid to the host family for the two months the students would be here during the summer time.

**4. How much should a host family expect an International Student to participate in family activities?**

The International Students should be treated as though the student was your own son or daughter. Families should not change their normal family habits or pattern of life for the sake of the International Student. They need to learn to adjust to the way of life of the family they have moved in with.

**5. What need is the host family expected to provide the International Student with?**

The International Student should be provided a private bedroom of their own, two meals a day during the week and 3 each day of the weekend, transportation to and from school, a loving and nurturing environment for growth and maturity to occur.

**6. Are the International Students allowed to travel out of the state or able to attend family vacations that might include overnight stays?**

Yes. The only requirement regarding out of state travel is that the school be notified as to the destination and that the student is able to be reached in case there is an emergency in the student's family back in his or her home country.

**7. Do the International Students have Medical Insurance and coverage in case of an emergency?** St. Andrew will provide around the clock accident coverage for the child anywhere in the world. Additionally, students will have travel and dental. The medical insurance is through Markel Insurance Company.

**8. What school activities are the International Students allowed to participate in?**

The International Students are encouraged to participate in any co-curricular activities they might find an interest in. The more students are immersed into the school programs and offerings the sooner they begin to feel and function as "true" students within a school community. They should be encouraged to participate in things they may have never tried before.

**9. What is a typical day in the life of a student like in most Asian countries?** The average student with an Asian background attends school for 10 to 11 hours per day and then returns home to complete their school homework on average for another 5 to 6 hours. Students are not allowed to have a job until they have completed their high school career. The daily routine of a student does not change much in their home country and they are not afforded much leisure time with the school requirements they are expected to fulfill.

**10. What should the expectation of the host family be for a day in the life of an International student living in America be?**

The International Students soon must learn to make adjustments to the typical life style of an American student. More independence where they are able to use their time as they please is a major adjustment. As an American family you need not be overly concerned with the amount of time they chose to spend on homework. They are committed to pleasing their parents back home with academic excellence and desire to perform extremely well in their educational pursuits.

**11. What might the International Students struggle with the most?**

Being away from their families in their home country may be a challenge, becoming more independent sooner then they are use to, and having more leisure time and being tempted to use their time here in a way that may not please their parents back home. Their parents still have very high expectations as to the academic success of their son or daughter.

**12. How will St. Andrew assist the International students and any English challenges?**

St. Andrew will provide ESL or some other comparable program or method for getting Chinese students proficient in English as soon as possible.