



Arroyo Pacific Academy

International Student Program

Guidelines for International Homestay Students

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1. 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.

2. The international student must make a concerted effort to improve his or her ability in the English language. The program is a total immersion in language learning and only English may be spoken at Arroyo Pacific Academy.

3. The student must make an effort to get involved in the host community by attending and participating in school or community events. The student should not spend all his or her time with other international students and should seek guidance from host parents and school personnel when choosing friends.

4. The student's acceptance into Arroyo Pacific Academy does not guarantee athletic eligibility.

5. The student's parents give Arroyo Pacific Academy the right to use the student's photograph for reproduction in any medium for the purposes of publication, advertising, display, or editorial use. No personal information will be publicized.

6. 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. In this case, all

tuition and fees paid will be nonrefundable and the student's I-20 will be cancelled.

7. The student must obey the laws of the United States and the State of California where they live and visit. A student found guilty of violating the law will be returned home at his family's own expense as soon as the student is released by authorities.

8. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Smoking and the use of any tobacco products is forbidden. The drinking of any alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. United States law strictly forbids the consumption of alcohol for everyone under age 21.

9. 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 Robert S. Walley, SEVIS Designated School Official.

10. International students will each live with an Arroyo Pacific Academy host family or an approved host family by an approved international homestay organization. The host family assignment is for one academic year. Most students will live with a different host family each year. Some students will be the only international student in a host home while others will have a roommate.

11. 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.

12. The student must obey the host family's rules and be willing to participate in family activities.

13. Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first through discussion with the host family, then with the assistance of the homestay organization. The student is not to discuss problems of a personal nature with members of the school community.

If the student is experiencing any sort of relational stress or difficulty or experiences abuse or harassment of any kind or, he or she will immediately disclose the incident to the homestay organization.

14. The student will attend school daily, will be enrolled as a full-time student, and will participate in study times. 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 family and the Dean of Studies may require additional study hours or private tutoring and limit co-curricular and weekend activities until the grade is improved.

15. Students who are accepted will register for classes upon arrival to campus. International students will be placed at an appropriate grade level and may be slightly older than their peers.

16. The student will obey the disciplinary rules as stated in the School Handbooks and will be respectful of school administration, faculty, staff, students and the host family.

17. Host Parents must have a current email address and communicate directly with the Teacher for any and all official academic issues regarding their student.

18. Visits by the student's family or friends while in the program and enrolled at Arroyo Pacific Academy require prior approval by the SEVIS Designated School Official. While visits are encouraged, host families will not be expected to house student's guests at any time.

19. All completed forms, including but not limited to the Medical Authorization Form, Health and Immunizations Form, and Emergency Contact Form must be received by the Admissions Office by the date specified.

20. Students must share with their host family any medication they bring from their home country to take on a regular or occasional basis.

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

22. The student will abstain from all sexual activity. 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).

23. The student is not allowed to get any new tattoos or body piercing while participating in the International Student Program at Arroyo Pacific Academy.

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

Internet may also 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.

25. Students may bring their own computer if approved by the host family. It may not be permitted in the student's room but rather in a general living area of the house. 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.

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

27. Room and board are not included in the tuition and student fee amounts. The student may wish to purchase items such as clothing, room decorations and tutoring lessons. He or she may also wish to attend a prom or Dance, a senior trip to Disneyland or attend additional field trips. These expenses would be paid for by the extra money students bring with them on the ATM card.

28. The student and his or her parents must pay bills promptly. Full tuition for the year is due by the date specified.

29. The student is not permitted to borrow money.

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

31. The student is required to purchase round-trip international air travel before the student departs from his or her home country. This information must be forwarded to the Admissions Director by the date specified. Parents, not students, are responsible for directly purchasing airfare and making travel arrangements.

32. 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 Designated School Official. The cost of independent travel would be the student and his/her family's responsibility.

33. If a student needs unusual help for a matter not related to the academic requirements of Arroyo Pacific Academy, the family would need to request permission for the activity and provide necessary funds and compensation for the activity.

34. International seniors must meet college application due dates during the Fall semester. Copies of each college application are to be submitted to the SEVIS Designated School Official.

Seniors are to apply to SEVIS approved colleges.

35. The student must return home within 10 days of the last day of school or Summer School. Host families will not provide housing during summer vacation. In May of a given school year, the I-20 will be extended for another academic year providing the student has done well academically, a host family is available for the student for the following year, and after the student demonstrates proof of travel purchase to return home for the summer months of July (after Summer School) and August.

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

37. The student must arrive on campus for the International Student Orientation and Registration as stated in the acceptance package.

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



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