



International Student Home Stay Policies

1. An international student is responsible for keeping host parents informed about where and with whom he/she is at all times and about the expected time of his or her return home.
2. In the state of Vermont, smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages is illegal for minors (a person under 21 years of age) and smoking cigarettes is not permitted for international students. Drug use is illegal for everyone. These activities will not be allowed in your home stay. A home stay student should not be engaged in sexual relations while a student at Thetford Academy. All of these offenses will result in expulsion from the school, the loss of visa status and the international student having to return home.
3. An international student is never allowed to drive any car, even if he/she has a driver's license.
4. A host families may host brothers and sisters, or up to two international students of the same sex from different families at the same time. There will not be students of the opposite sex from different international families in a home-stay location at the same time.
5. An international student and host family may never borrow money from each other.
6. Bus fares and other public transportation are the international student's responsibility (other than transportation to school).
7. An international student may not be used as a baby sitter. This is unfair to the student, and potentially dangerous in the event of an emergency. An international student may not be hired by a host family for any activity or work.
8. If the host family attends any religious service or self-help group, the international student will be given the option of choosing whether or not to attend with them. Any meetings that the international student has with religious representatives other than that of their own faith and upbringing must be cleared in writing with the student's parents. The international student may expect the host family to respect their religious status and that of their family.
9. If the host family is going on vacation and the international student stays behind, the host family must notify the International Student Coordinator. If the host family will be gone for more than two nights, the international student will be placed with another approved host family for that time.
10. If both host parents are gone for the night, the host family must contact the International Student coordinator to ascertain whether the international student should be placed in another home for the duration of the host parents' absence.



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11. If a host family decides not to continue as hosts they must tell both the international student's family and the International Student Coordinator at least 2 weeks in advance. An international student must not be moved to another host family without the permission of the International Student Coordinator.
12. A host family must talk with their international student as much as possible if there is a problem or if they need more information about the student's activities. If the host family is having a difficult time communicating with the international student, has concerns about the student's welfare or behavior, or needs to report violations of the student's contract, they must call the International Student Coordinator immediately. Most problems can be resolved when approached early.