



Cascade Christian Schools International Host Family Commitment Form

More than ten years ago, Cascade Christian Schools began accepting international students to come and study at our school. Our International Student Program has grown from a few students each year to more than 40 from a variety of countries. Our success results in part from the partnership we have created with our students, agencies, host families, natural parents, and teachers. The role of the host families is integral to the success of the international students while they study in high school. They will depend on their host families for guidance, love, patience, and understanding as they navigate daily through the cultural differences constantly present.

We are looking for host families to take on this important role of teaching and training (Proverbs 22:6) their students to discover their purpose before God (Jeremiah 29:11-13). The ideal host family will treat their student with the same love and respect they have for their own child.

Some commitment and support qualifications:

- Agree with and support the Core Principles (Mission, Purpose, Values, and Commitments), Statement of Faith, and Educational Philosophy of Cascade Christian Schools and are willing to help your international student live according to them
- Become familiar with and support the guidelines listed in the District Parent/Student Handbook
- Encourage your student in the habits of punctuality, thoroughness, neatness, honesty, resourcefulness, independent reading, and study
- Encourage your student to participate in school projects, programs, parties, physical education, and other school activities to develop skills and relationships
- Worship regularly with your student in a local Bible-believing church

- Be able to demonstrate a healthy marriage
- Be able to resolve conflict without making predetermined opinions
- Be willing to admit if you've made a mistake
- Be financially responsible
- Be able to show that the children already living in your home are doing well academically, socially, and spiritually
- Have a respect for people from other cultures and backgrounds

Some commitment expectations:

- Provide a safe and loving home
- Provide emotional, spiritual, and cultural support
- Attend a local Bible-believing church at least once a week
- Be in dialogue with your student's teachers and local coordinator
- Provide academic support and accountability
- Discuss any challenges with your student as they arise
- Discuss any concerns with the International Program coordinator throughout the year
- Model Christian behavior—you are the living Lord they witness
- Participate in orientation and required meetings quarterly

Some day-to-day expectations:

- Provide breakfast, dinner, and either a packed lunch or CCS lunch ticket
- Provide transportation to and from school
- Provide some local transportation (such as meeting friends at the mall/movies)
- Check in with your student—both academically and emotionally
- Allow your student at least 30-60 minutes of WiFi per evening
- Begin and keep open communication with your student's natural parents (please copy in the host family coordinator if you discuss concerns in your email)