

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Student Name: _____

CETUSA strives to promote a positive learning experience during the student's exchange program. We, the undersigned student participant and natural parent(s)/legal guardian(s), understand that while on the program and in the hosting country, participants must adhere to and abide by the following Standards of Conduct during the exchange program:

ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. SCHOOL

We understand that:

- a) the student is on an Exchange-Visitor or Student Visa and must attend school regularly and obey all school rules.
- b) the student is expected to show an interest in his/her schoolwork and to fully participate in all classes, completing all coursework in a timely manner.
- c) the student is expected to maintain a minimum of a C average and pass all courses. Failure to do so may result in termination of the student's program.
- d) if the school or CETUSA decides the student needs a language tutor to be successful, CETUSA will help to arrange for such a tutor. Tutoring costs will be the sole responsibility of the student and/or natural parents.
- e) if the student is given a failing mark in attitude as an official complaint from the school, their program will be terminated.
- f) dismissal from school will result in termination of the program.

2. CONVALIDATION

We understand any and all convalidation requirements are entirely the student's responsibility. This includes but is not limited to:

- a) all required paperwork.
- b) notarization/legalization of documents and all costs associated with the convalidation process.

3. EXTENSIONS

We understand a student on the Fall Semester Program may transfer to the Academic Year Program by applying and paying the difference in fees plus the established surcharge only if there is no change of Host Family and school. Any student who extends and stays beyond the scheduled return without notifying CETUSA and filling out proper paperwork will be considered terminated from the program. The US Department of Homeland Security will be notified that CETUSA is no longer responsible for the student.

4. LEAVING THE PROGRAM

We understand a student may not leave the program without the expressed written consent of CETUSA. Students are not permitted to return home during their program; doing so will be considered leaving the program. A student may temporarily return home due to a death or serious illness in the immediate family or for other bona fide emergency situations as determined by CETUSA with proper verification. When a student leaves the program, except for emergencies, he/she may not return, and the program is terminated.

5. MEDICAL CO-PAY AND OTHER COSTS

We understand that if the student gets ill or requires medical attention, the Host Family will seek medical care for him/her. However, the host family is not financially responsible for this care. All co-pays and medical expenses not covered by the student's insurance program are the responsibility of the student and natural family.

HOST FAMILIES

1. HOST FAMILY REGULATIONS

We understand that each Host Family has rules and regulations which help it to function effectively. It is imperative each student makes every possible effort to understand what his/her Host Family expects. Each student must be respectful to his/her Host Family and the rules governing the household. Furthermore, we understand the student's activities must be approved by the Host Family. At all times, the student's Host Family must know where the student is, with whom and when the student will return.

2. MONEY

We understand that each student is responsible for purchasing his/her own personal items, including but not limited to clothing, entertainment, etc., and for his/her own spending money. Each student is required to have at his/her disposal a minimum of \$250 each month. CETUSA is not responsible for any lost or stolen money. It is against CETUSA regulations for a student to place his/her money in the Host Family's bank account. Furthermore, no student shall lend to or borrow from any member of his/her Host Family. It is the student's responsibility to manage their own money.

3. WORK AND JOBS

We understand students sponsored by CETUSA are in the country on an Exchange-Visitor Visa. It is against the law for an exchange student to hold or seek a job. Exceptions may be baby-sitting, lawn mowing or odd jobs offered to the student by his/her Host Family or Host Family acquaintances.

4. INTERNET AND E-MAIL

We understand that the Host Families are not required to have Internet access. While use of the Internet and email is generally deemed acceptable, it may also be detrimental to a student's program. Therefore:

- a) Students must respect and abide by their Host Family and school rules in relationship to use of computers, Internet and e-mail.

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- b) Students are not permitted to download illegal or unauthorized music, movies, games, photos, applications or the like.
- c) Should the student download such material, any and all costs and fines will be the responsibility of the Student and his/her natural family.
- d) These unauthorized or illegal downloads may be cause for termination of the student's program.

5. CELL PHONES

We agree CETUSA has the right to limit cell phone privileges when it is in the student's best interest.

TRAVEL AND VISITS

1. TRAVEL

We understand that:

- a) students must travel directly from their home country to the U.S. Host Family home at inception of the Program, without deviation, unless said deviation is for supervised orientation days and is approved by CETUSA no less than one month prior to inbound travel date.
- b) students must fly directly from the Host Family's home to the natural family's home at the conclusion of the program.
- c) Student must arrive no sooner than 7 days prior to school start date and depart no more than 7 days after conclusion of classes and/or graduation.
- d) students will be permitted to travel while in the host country only with the following conditions:
 - 1) if with the Host Family and if longer than overnight, the CETUSA Coordinator must be informed of travel dates and a phone contact where student can be reached in case of emergency.
 - 2) travel of more than two nights with Host Family or any other travel requires a Travel Release form submitted two weeks in advance of travel.
 - 3) if travel is with another family, the Host Family must approve, and the same regulations as listed above apply. Criminal Background Checks may be required.
 - 4) school and group-sponsored trips are permitted; however, the Host Family must approve, and the CETUSA Coordinator must be notified.
 - 5) students are not permitted to travel independently by bus or train.
 - 6) students are not permitted to travel independently by air unless on a CETUSA-approved trip.
- e) for travel outside of the U.S., the DS-2019 form must be signed by an authorized CETUSA staff member before travel is permitted. This is the responsibility of the student and should be done 60 days in advance. Refer to your Handbook for details regarding authorization to travel. Unauthorized travel will be cause for termination from the program. Do not purchase tickets prior to CETUSA approval.

2. VISITS WITH RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

We understand visits with relatives and friends are prohibited prior to the last two weeks of the program. Earlier visits can cause disruption of the student/Host Family adaptation process. In the event a student placement is jeopardized by a visit from home, CETUSA will not guarantee another Host Family placement. Approval of Host Family must be obtained prior to the visit and guests may not expect that host families will be able to accommodate them. Visits home are prohibited.

LAWS AND STAYING SAFE

1. LAW VIOLATIONS

We understand if a student admits to a criminal law violation, is arrested and charged with a violation, or if reliable information is received that the student will be arrested and charged, the student's program may be terminated, and he/she may be returned to his/her home country as soon as legally possible. Students are expected to obey all laws of the host country, state, city and community.

2. DRUGS

We understand the purchase, possession and/or use of illegal (non-prescription) drugs is forbidden, and no association is to be maintained with anyone involved with drug use in any way. The use of any mind-altering prescription drugs such as anti-depressants, ADD or ADHD medications or any drugs that treat compulsive behavior are also forbidden. Violation of this will result in the program being terminated. Furthermore, CETUSA reserves the right to conduct drug testing on the student at CETUSA's discretion at any time during the student's program.

3. ALCOHOL

We understand the purchase, possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, is forbidden and will result in termination of the program.

4. PORNOGRAPHY

We understand the purchase, possession, viewing and/or downloading of pornography is against the law and not permitted. If found to have done so, the student's program will be reviewed and may be terminated.

5. SEXTING

We understand sexting is a punishable offense in the USA in order to protect children from sexual predators. Teenagers who text nude or partially nude photos of themselves or friends can be charged with distribution of child pornography. Those who receive the pictures can be charged with possession of child pornography. Sexting is a serious offense and may result in termination of the student's program.

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6. DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

We understand dangerous activities such as skydiving, hang gliding, glider riding, parachute jumping, parasailing, jet skiing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, bungee jumping, hot air balloon riding, hunting and/or using weapons (including but not limited to guns, rifles, bows/arrows, etc.) are prohibited, and the student's program may be terminated for participating in such activities.

7. DRIVING

We understand because of the danger involved and the lack of liability and insurance coverage, a student may not under any circumstances drive a motorized vehicle. This includes but is not limited to cars, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, all-terrain vehicles, etc. Violations may result in termination of the program.

8. HITCHHIKING

We understand hitchhiking is extremely dangerous, and students are not permitted to hitchhike, either alone or with friends, at any time on their program.

9. TOBACCO USE

We understand the purchase, possession and/or use of tobacco products is forbidden. This includes but is not limited to: cigarettes, chewing tobacco, nicotine patches, vapor or electronic cigarettes, hooka products, snuff, etc. Violation of this rule may result in the termination of the student's program.

10. SEX

We understand the exchange experience is not intended to be a time in which romantic attachments are formed. Exchange students are ambassadors of their country. Therefore, it is extremely important students' moral behavior be beyond reproach at all times. If a student is involved in a sexual relationship while sponsored by the CETUSA program, the student's program will be immediately terminated. If it is found a student is pregnant or has caused a pregnancy while on the CETUSA program, their program will be terminated.

11. LIFE-CHANGING DECISIONS

We understand students are not allowed to make any life-changing decisions while they are on their program. Decisions such as marriage, engagement to be married, change of religion, acquiring tattoos or body piercings, making body modifications, altering plans for career or for college education, etc. must be put aside until after the student returns home. Violations may cause termination of program.

DECISIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

1. FINAL AUTHORITY

We understand and agree:

- a) that students must respect all decisions made by CETUSA and its coordinators or staff.
- b) that CETUSA reserves the right to terminate a student's program if there should arise, in the judgment of CETUSA officials, a condition likely to be detrimental to the health or well-being of the student.
- c) that CETUSA reserves the right to terminate the program if a student violates the Standards of Conduct or for other disciplinary problems.

AGREEMENT

We, the student and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), have read and understand all of the above. We agree to obey these rules and understand that disobeying them could result in the student's dismissal from the program and being returned to his/her home country. We also understand and acknowledge that US Host Families are volunteers and are not monetarily compensated.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Father or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian

Date