

# Host Family Housing Policy

Students placed with a host family by Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, must comply with the following rules and guidelines:

## REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement to the host family is \$2,000 per school year and may either be paid in full by August 1, or in two payments (\$1,000 due August 1 and \$1,000 due December 1). The student must submit housing reimbursement to WI Valley with tuition payment. WI Valley will forward the reimbursement to the host family.

## LENGTH OF HOMESTAY

- ◆ A host family's agreement to host a student is usually for one school year. By mutual agreement between family and student, this may be extended for more than one year.
- ◆ Students in violation of host family rules may be asked by the family to leave the home and to find alternative living arrangements. The student will then be responsible for securing the alternative arrangements under the direction of the Primary Designated School Official. If no suitable living arrangements are available, the student's I-20 F-1 visa may be terminated.

## DISPUTES

- ◆ To avoid disputes, families should define the house rules as soon as the student arrives. Students and families will each receive a printed copy of the school rules for exchange students and host families. It will be beneficial for host families to communicate expectations about household duties, use of the family computer (or other items), study and sleep schedules, transportation for school events, and church attendance.
- ◆ Host families and students are encouraged to attempt to resolve disputes directly with each other. If insufficient progress results, families are directed to contact WI Valley PDSO for assistance.
- ◆ Any unsatisfactorily resolved dispute between the student and host family should be brought immediately to the attention of the PDSO.
- ◆ Alternative arrangements may result if:
  - A real or implied threat of harm exists toward the student
  - Host family alters the term of the original agreement
  - Host family is unable to continue hosting the student due to personal reasons not caused by the student
  - Student disciplinary problems or ongoing behavioral problems

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

In the event that a student must be removed from a host family due to disciplinary or behavioral problems (including substance abuse, breaking house rules, theft of property, continuing conflicts or verbal abuse toward a family member, physical abuse to any person or property, etc.) the student will be removed from the home stay immediately or as soon as possible. He/she will likely be taken to a hotel until travel arrangements home have been made. The student's I-20 F-1 visa will be terminated. The student will also forfeit to the host family the semester's balance of the \$1,000 housing fee.

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