

The International Student Program *at Christian Central Academy*

**OPEN YOUR HOME TO AN
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!**

- Share the love of Christ with a student who is far from home.
- Foster an appreciation for the cultures and values of each other's family, community, and country.
- Build life-long international relationships
- Practice hospitality and generosity as a family.
- Strengthen God's kingdom culture within the heart of our school community.



**REACH OUT TO CCA'S INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT PROGRAM (ISP) COORDINATOR FOR
THE HOST FAMILY APPLICATION!**

FAQs below



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Frequently Asked Questions

Christian Central Academy (CCA) is committed to providing an environment in which students will grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52). Part of this is teaching our students how to love like Jesus and share the Gospel with the nations. By welcoming qualified international students to our school, we not only provide the opportunity to do just that, we also provide the opportunity for our students to expand their awareness and appreciation for those from other countries.

We need host families who are passionate about missions and the Gospel to host international students, investing time in their lives, both temporally and eternally.

If you feel like this might be something you would like to be a part of, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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How long are the students here for?

Full year students are here for 10 months. They arrive in the second half of August and leave within 10 days of the end of school. If the student continues at CCA and all parties are in agreement, you could host the same student for more than one year.

Do students require their own bedroom?

No. International students may share a bedroom with host sibling(s) of the same sex and appropriate age (teenagers and babies usually don't co-habitate well). However, they must have their own bed and a place to store their personal items. It's important to note that international students may not share a bedroom with adult children who live in the home (18+).

Do we have to have children the same age in the home?

No. Families with children of different ages, or even no children at all are welcome to host. It can be fun for younger children to have an older sibling for a little while, and it can be fun for older children to have a friend! Single parents, young couples with no children, empty nesters, and single adults with a stable job/home are often qualified to host and have wonderful experiences hosting an international student.

Do we have to be rich?

No, you do not have to be rich! There is no minimum yearly income for host parents. All that is needed is a suitable bed and enough room for another family member! Host families are offered a stipend to help offset the costs of hosting an international student, and the students usually come with spending money.

Will my student speak English?

Many students come to study in the U.S.A. to improve their English. All full-year international students accepted to CCA have to demonstrate a certain level of English to ensure that they are able to understand the basics, and have a foundation that will allow for growth in an English immersive school. Some students may struggle at first to communicate well, and they may be hesitant to put their English to the test, but all students will come with a level that is sufficient for day-to-day life.

What do we pay for?

A safe home, 2 meals a day on school days (lunches are provided at the school for international students), and 3 meals a day on other days. These meals don't have to be home-cooked every day, but sufficient food needs to be available and accessible for all three meals. We do ask that you pay for your student if you take them to a family activity/function, like you would for your own child.

What does the student pay for?

Students are responsible for all personal costs such as cell phones, toiletries, souvenirs, clothing, any postage, and activities done with friends. All international students have a health insurance plan that covers them in the case of an emergency.

Do we need to plan special activities/trips for our international student?

No you do not! Of course, you can if you would like to, but the International Student Program (ISP) Coordinator will plan monthly activities for the international students to do together. Host families are encouraged to attend these activities, but are not obligated to!

How does the student get around?

International students are not able to drive while in the U.S.A., so host families are responsible for making sure that they have the necessary transportation. International students can take public school buses to and from school. The student may need transportation to/from after-school activities, social/cultural events, etc., just like the average American student. Contact CCA's ISP Coordinator for more information on transportation options.

What if there are problems?

If you at any point have concerns or problems, the ISP Coordinator is always available to help. Both international students and host families have an orientation that helps prepare them for potential obstacles. If a problem arises between the host family and international student, there are some recommended practices to try to overcome the issue. In the worst case scenario, if the recommended practices have been tried, the problems persist and the student is not a good fit for the host family, the ISP Coordinator can seek alternative housing for the student.

