



Diocese of Davenport

International Student Services Office

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. **DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES**

Skydiving hang gliding, glider riding, parachute jumping, parasailing, jet skiing, snowmobiling, bungee jumping and riding in hot air balloons are prohibited.

2. **DRINKING**

The purchase, possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, are forbidden.

3. **DRIVING**

Because of the danger involved and the lack of liability and insurance coverage, under no circumstances may a student drive a motorized vehicle for which an operator's license is required. However, students may participate in Driver's Training classes and take the driver's test provided:

- A. No local or state laws are violated in obtaining the license.
- B. The student's natural parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) give written assuming all responsibility and liability for any violations, accidents, injuries, and any costs, legal and otherwise in the course of obtaining the driver's license.
- C. The Host Family and/or Diocese of Davenport **are not required** to submit a statement assuming financial responsibility for the student to qualify for the driver's license.
- D. Foreign students are subject to the same guidelines as American students, which may include waiting lists and other restrictions.

4. **DRUGS**

The purchase, possession and/or use of illegal (non-prescription) drugs are forbidden. Further, no association is to be maintained with anyone involved with drug use in any way.

5. **HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking is extremely dangerous. Students are not permitted to hitchhike, either alone or with friends.

6. **HOST FAMILY REGULATIONS**

Each family has rules and regulations, which help it, function effectively. It is imperative that each student makes every effort possible to understand what his/her family expects. Each student must be respectful of his/her Host Family and the rules that govern the household. 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. The Host Family will provide a warm and welcoming environment, transportation, guidance and assistance. The Host Family will contact the school if the student is ill or has an emergency. If the student and Host Family do not get along, the student may be moved if another Host Family is willing to except them. If no Host Family is available, the biological parents must be contacted and made aware of the situation. This could result in the student being returned to their country.



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7. LAW VIOLATIONS

If a student admits to a criminal law violation, or is arrested, or if reliable information is received that the student will be arrested and charged, the student will 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.

8. LEAVING THE PROGRAM

A student may not leave the program at any time without the express consent of the Diocese of Davenport and the school.

9. MONEY

Because each student is responsible to purchase his/her personal items, clothing, entertainment, etc., each student is suggested to have at his/her disposal a minimum of \$200 each month. Each student is responsible for his/her own spending money. Further, no student shall lend to, or borrow from any member of his/her host family.

10. SCHOOL

- A. The student is on a 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 make an effort to do his/her best.
- C. If, in the school's opinion, the student needs a language tutor to succeed in class(es), the school will help arrange for such a tutor. The cost for tutoring will be the sole responsibility of the student's natural parents.
- D. If the student is given a failing mark in attitude as an official complaint from the school, he/she will be dismissed from our school and will need to return to his/her home country.
- E. Dismissal from school will result in dismissal from the Diocese of Davenport program.

11. SMOKING

Purchase, possession and/or use of tobacco products are forbidden.

12. PORNOGRAPHY

Purchase, possession and/or downloading of pornography is not permitted.

13. INTERNET AND E-MAIL

While the use of the Internet and e-mail is generally deemed acceptable, it may also be detrimental to a student's program. Students must respect and abide by host family and school rules in relationship to use of computer, internet and e-mail.

14. TRAVEL

Students will be permitted to travel while in the host country only according to the following conditions:

- A. If with the host family and if longer than overnight, the Diocese of Davenport coordinator must be informed of dates and a phone contact where the student can be reached in case of emergency.
- B. If with another family, the host family must approve the same regulations as "A" above apply.
- C. School and group-sponsored trips are permitted. Again, the host family must approve.



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- D. If independently to visit another family, the inviting family must confirm the invitation with the host family.
- E. Travel by air, bus or train in the US, UK or Canada is permitted only under the following conditions:
 - 1. Chaperoned group trips.
 - 2. Direct trips from departure point to destination, to be met by family visited.

16. WORK AND JOBS

Student sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport **are not allowed** to hold a job or seek employment. Exceptions to this may be baby-sitting, lawn mowing or other odd jobs which might be offered to the student by his/her host family of the host family acquaintances.

AGREEMENT

We, the student and parent(s) or legal guardian, have read and understand all of the above. We agree to obey these rules and understand that disobeying them will result in the student's dismissal from the program.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Father or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian

Date