

HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do families choose to host?

Families host for a wide variety of reasons. At the center, is the desire for the family to open its home to an individual who might otherwise never have the chance to learn of their Savior. Other reasons for hosting include learning other cultures or participating in an exciting new experience.

What is expected of me as a host parent?

Host families are expected to welcome the international student into your home as a member of the family and provide a loving and caring home environment.

How well can international students speak English?

An international student's academic success is dependent on the ability to communicate in the English language. For an applicant to be accepted, he/she must demonstrate English proficiency.

What are major challenges for host families?

Most challenges typically involve cultural differences within communication styles or customs. Many families who have experienced such challenges find that, in time, they are resolved with patience and clear communication.

What are financial arrangements with students?

Students have private funds available for expenses for which the host family is not responsible (e.g., clothing, school lunches, entertainment, personal items, etc.). Host families are compensated to offset expenses.

If you are interested in serving as a host family, please contact Phil Punzel at 608-783-5435 x1160 or punzphil@luther.k12.wi.us.