



North Yarmouth Academy's Homestay Program

NYA's Homestay Program is a vital component of NYA's International Program. It provides a unique intercultural experience for both students and host families. Lifelong connections and friendships are often formed between host families and guest students. There are several benefits of the NYA Homestay experience compared to other housing arrangements. There is no better way for a student to become fully immersed in the English language--living with a family provides a more authentic cultural experience. There is also an added level of safety for homestay students; a family is looking out for their interests, just like in the student's own home.

NYA carefully chooses its host families, and students are welcomed as a part of the family. To help ensure a positive experience for both students and host families, the Academy provides clear expectations and careful oversight of the program.

Host Family Expectations:

- provide a clean, safe living and learning environment during the school year
- provide Student with his/her own bed and storage space
- provide balanced meals daily for Student (breakfast and dinner, with weekday lunches purchased in the school dining hall; breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekends)
- provide transportation to and from school and school related events as needed
- provide access to laundry
- provide free access to and supervise Student's use of home landline telephone and computer while in the host family home
- communicate any issues to NYA as soon as they arise so they can be resolved immediately
- provide transportation to and from the airport, bus, or train when Student arrives and departs.
- at least one member (over the age of 18) of the Host Family to provide transportation for the Student to and from the Portland airport; this family member must be a U.S. citizen and maintain an unexpired driver's license and unexpired passport

International Student Expectations:

- treat Host Family with respect and honor their boundaries
- follow the rules of the Host Family and/or Student's Coach, if applicable, regarding rules of the household, including curfews
- keep room clean and orderly
- make an effort to integrate with the Host Family's home life, stressing English conversation
- make and abide by mutual arrangements regarding Student's laundry
- attend school on time daily
- make mutual arrangements regarding meals
- gain permission from Host Family for any visitors to home
- keep Host Family's contact information and home address confidential unless given permission
- communicate any issues to NYA as soon as they arise so they can be resolved immediately
- Adhere to all school rules while staying at the host family's home.

For more information on NYA's Homestay program contact admissions@nya.org.