



## **North Yarmouth Academy's Homestay Program:**

NYA has a long tradition of hosting students from around the world and the country. Each year, NYA families, alumni, friends, and faculty serve as hosts for NYA domestic and international homestay students. The homestay program can be a mutually beneficial program for both students and host families. For the student, it is an opportunity to live in a safe setting with an NYA family serving as surrogates while they are away from home. For both students and families, it provides a unique cultural experience, and many times lifelong connections are fostered. The program also supports the school by providing an opportunity for additional students to contribute to the school and the community.

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. Students will sign up for the NYA lunch program during the school week.
- provide transportation to and from school and school related events as needed.
- provide access to laundry.
- provide free internet access to and supervise student's use.
- 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 of the host family over age 18 must be a U.S. citizen and maintain an unexpired driver's license and unexpired passport to provide transportation for the student to and from the Portland airport.

### **Homestay Student Expectations:**

- treat host family with respect and honor boundaries.
- follow the rules of the host family regarding rules of the household, including curfews.
- keep room clean and orderly.
- make an effort to integrate and participate in the host family home life.
- 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 or any visitors to home.
- not give out Host Family's contact information or home address without 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.

NYA provides oversight and support of the program in the following ways:

- Two members of the faculty serve as Homestay Coordinators and support this program.
- NYA Homestay Coordinators will serve as a liaison between school and home.
- NYA Homestay Coordinators will ensure student's travel schedules are clearly communicated with host families.

- NYA nurse will provide support with health and insurance questions.
- NYA provides tutoring for homestay students to support learning in a second language.
- NYA provides an annual stipend to families of \$12,000 annually (\$1,333/month over nine months).

For more information on NYA's Homestay program, contact [homestay@nya.org](mailto:homestay@nya.org).