

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL CHECKLIST FOR HOST FAMILIES

Prior to Arrival

- Email family bio and pictures to Chinese parents and student.
- Obtain flight schedule and arrange for pick up.
- Share phone number. Connect on WeChat in case if the flight is delayed.
- Prepare the student's room (desk, chair, bed, lock, etc.)
- Prepare a small welcoming gift (optional).

Upon Arrival

- Remember to pick up.
- When the student arrives at your house, explain where they will be sleeping, doing laundry, eating, studying, etc. Help them get used to your family and enjoy them. (If you set expectations all at once it will be overwhelming so do this in bits and pieces to help them internalize everything.)
- Have a list of family expectations or boundaries for bedtime, eating, going to school, pick-up, smoking, drinking alcohol, dating expectations, driving, etc.
- Read school discipline document with them and help them understand the school rules.
- Have them read the school dress code policies and answer any questions.
- Discuss what you are obligated to pay for and what they will be paying for. Discuss items such as coffee, tea, and items that you normally don't buy and how that will work.
- Discuss what happens on the weekends. Does your family work together on Saturday, and go to church on Sunday, etc.
- Encourage your student to come to you if there are any problems. Tell them it's important to have open and honest communication so they can adjust nicely to the new culture.

Preparation for school

- Purchase school clothes –help them understand expectations by reviewing the dress code. Assess what clothes they have and take them shopping for additional clothing. (Some students are used to only having 1-2 sets of clothes to wear. Encourage them to have at least 5 outfits.)
- Open up a bank account at Wells Fargo or Chase. Avoid using a credit union or a small local bank.
- Get a Sims card for their cell phone.
- Set up an appointment to meet with the school counselor and determine their schedule. Please attend this meeting.
- Help them walk through the school and know where their classes are located.
- Determine their hobby and likes/dislikes. See if they want to participate in sports, choir, or certain clubs. Facilitate with any try-outs or auditions they want to participate in.
- Make sure you have copies of their medical insurance and take them to get sports physicals if needed.
- Bring them to the Utah County Immunization Office for TB test. Make sure they bring their immunization record.