

CET Student and Homestay Expectations

High School Programs

The CET Homestay Program is an integral part of our CET Global Perspective Programs. CET aims to promote intercultural learning and exchange through the sharing of living spaces, traditions, experiences, and meals. The homestay program not only supports student immersion and language development, but also is developed and intended to be a beneficial arrangement for the homestay family as well. Through our careful homestay recruitment and vetting processes, we seek hosts who are committed to cross-cultural exchange and active engagement in and support for their CET student's meaningful study abroad experience.

To ensure that homestay families and students have the best possible experience and opportunities for mutual learning, we have developed a set of expectations for both students and hosts.

	Expectations of Homestay Family	Expectations of Student
Mutual Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CET believes in making study abroad accessible to all students. We recruit and actively support academically qualified students of all races, religions, origins, abilities, gender identities, and sexual orientations. The host agrees to respect the student's identity or background, regardless of any of the above identities (or others), and to and maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment in the home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CET recruits homestay hosts from all different walks of life, and of different backgrounds and identities. The student agrees to respect the identities of the homestay host.
Program Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to enforce the student conduct policy and the below expectations to the best of their ability. • The host agrees to clearly articulate any specific house rules to the CET student. • The host agrees to report any student conduct violations to the CET Program Local Coordinator. • The host agrees not to lend the student any money for any reason or ask the student for money for any services, unless with permission from CET. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to abide by the student conduct policy and house rules. • The student agrees not to ask the host for a loan of any money, or pay the host for any services directly, without permission from CET.
Safety & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to keep the student's personal safety as a top priority, and do nothing intentional to endanger or threaten the safety of the student. • The host agrees to respect the student's personal space and privacy. • The host agrees to accompany the student outside of the home when not with program staff, two other program participants, or commuting directly to and from program activities • The host agrees to contact the Local Coordinator in the event of a breach of security or safety on the part of the student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to respect the personal space of the homestay hosts and do nothing to intentionally endanger or threaten the safety of any of the family members. • The student agrees to respect the home and property of the homestay. • The student agrees to never travel alone, and rather will be either with a member of the homestay family, or two CET students, outside of commuting to and from program activities. • The student will inform CET if any concerns or issues arise.



Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to have a charged cell phone with minutes and/or data, and be reachable by the student and the Local Coordinator at all time. • The host agrees to have a secondary means of communication (either a land-line or a second telephone) as a back up to the primary cell phone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to have a charged cell phone with minutes and/or data, and be reachable by the host and the Local Coordinator at all times. • The student agrees to communicate reasonable needs and preferences with the homestay and commits to active problem-solving/solutions finding with them. • The student agrees to raise any concerns with the CET Local Coordinator directly.
Cleaning & Laundry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to keep shared spaces clean and tidy. • The host agrees to clean the student room once per week. If the student prefers to clean their room and/or personal space, the host will provide the student with rags, vacuum cleaner, etc., which can be used for cleaning. • The host agrees to provide access to laundry services at least once per week at no additional cost to the student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to keep their room and personal spaces tidy. • The student agrees to participate in any reasonable cleaning activities, as outlined by the host.
Visitors & Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to not invite any overnight guests, other than those listed on the homestay application form. • The host agrees not to host any other CET students overnight without the explicit permission from CET. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to not invite any guests (overnight or otherwise) into the home without permission.
Health & Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host agrees to alert CET of any and all incidents or concerns related to student health and wellbeing. • The host agrees not to provide, manage, or administer any medication – over the counter or prescribed. • The host agrees to accompany the student to the doctor (either in person or virtually using GeoBlue tele-health services), if necessary. • Each student has international health insurance - the host agrees not to pay for any medical treatment for the student. • In the event of a medical emergency, the host agrees to contact the CET Local Coordinator as soon as possible, and follow their direction for incident management. • In the event that the student or a member of the homestay family contracts COVID-19 or a similar communicable disease, the host agrees to work with the CET Local Coordinator to create an action plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student agrees to take responsibility for their own health and wellness, including mental health and personal medication management and administration. • The student agrees to share any medical concerns or developments with the CET Local Coordinator.



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Homestay Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The host agrees to be present and engaged in the evenings and weekends while the student is living with the family, and include the student in meals, activities, and outings.• The host agrees to accompany the student along the commute to the academic facilities for the first two days of the program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student agrees to be present and engage with the hosts in the evenings and on weekends and be an active participant in family meals, activities, and outings.• The student agrees to share their home culture and language with the hosts, including familial traditions, recipes, and informal English conversation and tutoring.
Evenings and Weekends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The host agrees to be responsible for the student's whereabouts in the evenings and on weekends. Students are not required to be at home every evening and weekend, but must be with a member of the homestay family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student agrees to be with a member of their homestay family in the evenings and on weekends.
Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The host agrees to show patience, kindness, and flexibility with their student, and try to accommodate reasonable preferences or requests.• The host agrees to provide reasonable support and accommodations for the student's personal preferences and needs in regards to exercise, prayer/church attendance, practicing a musical instrument, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student agrees to show patience, kindness, and flexibility with their hosts and step outside their comfort zone to be open to new experiences.