

Host Home Behavior Code

All international students must abide by the host home behavior code. This code is separate from any of the codes and rules students must abide by at school. School behavior and host home behavior are handled separately. International Students will be treated in the same manner regarding school behavior as American students. Lynden Christian school officials are not able to sit down face to face with the blood parents of international students and work through problematic behavior with them, so there has to be a code for behavior in host homes so that host parents can be supported when a student is not complying with the expectations for behavior.

In host homes there is no tolerance for actions listed below. If a student commits any of the acts listed below then they will receive a behavior notice for that act. Once a third behavior notice has been given to a student, Lynden Christian will reserve the right to let the student finish the school year but not allow the student to return to our school the next school year. Once a fourth behavior notice has been given, the principal will reserve the right to recommend expulsion from school for that student because the behavior of that student is not meeting the expectations required to be part of the international program and a host home.

Lynden Christian also reserves the right to expel an international student from our school for any single act that is deemed to be highly extreme and unacceptable behavior by the principal without going through the behavior notice process. Examples of this would be but not limited to: violence towards a member of a host family, complete refusal to comply with any reasonable requests of the host family, vandalism of the host home, stealing from the host family, being arrested by the police, selling drugs, or any other behavior deemed by school officials to be unacceptable for a student in the international program.

Actions that will lead to a host home behavior notice:

- 1.** Drinking alcohol on the property of host home or anywhere else, or providing alcohol for other students. (No matter what your age or what the rules are in your home country or what your parent's rules are regarding alcohol, a student in the international program can not drink alcohol. The responsibility of the host parent extends beyond the home and you can not drink alcohol outside the home either.)
- 2.** Using any type of illegal drugs on the host family property or anywhere else, or improper use of prescription drugs, or providing any type of drug to another student.
- 3.** Using or possessing tobacco and nicotine products or providing such products to other students, either on the family property or anywhere else. (Even if you are 18, or you are allowed to smoke in your home country, you are not allowed to smoke in the international program.)

4. Lying to your host family about your whereabouts, or consistently failing to communicate about where you are or where you are going. This would include leaving the host family home during the nighttime without their knowledge. International students are not allowed stay in hotels or overnight anywhere without a responsible adult approved of by the host family or International Director.

5. Consistently ignoring requests from the host family to clean up your living space or bathroom or abide by other rules the host family has asked you to comply with. (A behavior notice would not be written for single acts related to what is written above, but the International Director or school administrators may issue a behavior notice to a student that shows a consistent disregard for the rules of a host home.)

6. Choosing to not comply with restrictions that a host family has put in place as a punishment for not meeting the behavior expectations of the home. Such a restriction is called “being grounded” in America.

I have read and fully understand the description of unacceptable behaviors at a Lynden Christian host home listed above. I realize that by choosing to commit any of the actions listed above I will receive behavior notices that could ultimately lead to my expulsion from Lynden Christian Schools. I also realize that school officials reserve the right to recommend a student for expulsion for any single act at a host home or outside the host home by a student that is deemed to be too extreme to allow the student to remain at our school.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date:_____