

Guidelines for Boarding Students

1. Prior to leaving the home country for WANet/SEI/ Brazosport Christian School (BCS), the student's parents should discuss the importance of good behavior with their student and ensure that he or she understands the significance of acting in a manner that will reflect well on his or her family and country.
2. The boarding student must make a concerted effort to improve his or her ability in the English language. WANet/SEI/BCS is an English-only campus. Only English can be spoken on campus.
3. The student must make an effort to get involved in the host community by attending and participating in school, church, or community events. The student should not spend all his or her time with other international students and should seek guidance from host parents and school personnel when choosing friends.
4. The student's acceptance into WANet/SEI/BCS does not guarantee athletic eligibility. An eligibility ruling is made for each individual case by the state's high school association governing body. It is the responsibility of the parents and students to check on the athletic eligibility for international students at Brazosport Christian School.
5. The student's parents give WANet/SEI/BCS the right to use the student's photograph for reproduction in any medium for the purpose of publication, advertising, display, or editorial use. No personal information will be publicized.
6. WANet/SEI/BCS reserves the right to terminate a student's participation in the boarding program if his or her conduct is considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests of the boarding program. In this case, all fees paid will be nonrefundable and the student's I-20 will be cancelled.
7. The student must obey the laws of the United States and the states where they live and visit. A student found guilty of violating the law will be returned home at his family's own expense as soon as the student is released by authorities.
8. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Smoking and the use of any tobacco products is forbidden. The drinking of any alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. United States law strictly forbids the consumption of alcohol for everyone under age 21.
9. The student and his or her parents must communicate with the Boarding Administrator prior to the student's departure from the home country. Boarding students may not arrive on campus prior to the specified date by BCS without prior permission from Brazosport Christian School.
10. Boarding students will each live with a Brazosport Christian School host family. The host family assignment is for one academic year. Most students will live with a different host family each year. Some students will be the only international student in a host home while others will have a roommate.
11. The student will become an integral part of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities that are normal for a child of his or her age in the host family household. This may include cooking, doing dishes, helping with laundry, and cleaning the home.
12. The students must obey the host family's rules and be willing to participate in family activities such as attending religious services. Boarding students are expected to seek to learn about the Christian faith, respond to Jesus Christ and adhere to the guidelines for Christian living in the student handbook.
13. Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first through discussion with the host family, then with the assistance of the Boarding Administrator or lead parent. The student is not to discuss problems of a personal nature with members of the community. If the student is experiencing any sort of relational stress or difficulty, experiences abuse or harassment of any kind, he or she will immediately disclose the incident to the Brazosport Christian School personnel or to the lead parent.
14. The student will attend school regularly, will be enrolled as a full-time student, and will participate in study times. The student must make a concerted effort to make satisfactory academic progress (A or B grades) and must be involved in some co-curricular activities. If a student is achieving a C average or lower, the Brazosport Christian School personnel and host family may require study hours and limit co-curricular and weekend activities until the grade is improved.
15. Students who are accepted will register for classes upon arrival to campus. International students will be placed at an appropriate grade level and may be slightly older than their peers.
16. The student will obey the disciplinary rules of WANet/SEI/BCS and will be respectful of school staff and faculty.
17. Parents must communicate directly with the Brazosport Christian School personnel for any and all official business regarding their student.
18. Visits by the student's family or friends while in the program require prior approval by Brazosport Christian School personnel. While visits are encouraged, host families will not be expected to house student's guests at any time.
19. A completed medical authorization and treatment form, a wellness consent form, and immunizations form must be received by WANet by the specified contract date.
20. Medical insurance is provided for international students, but costs incurred due to pre-existing conditions will be the responsibility of the home parents.
21. Students must share with their host family any medication they bring from their home country to take on a regular or occasional basis.
22. The student is forbidden from participating in any dangerous sports or activities such as hang gliding, bungee jumping, and sky

diving. The family will accept full responsibility for any situation arising from the student's involvement in a forbidden activity.

23. The student will abstain from all sexual activity. Serious romantic involvement is strongly discouraged. The student may not take any action that may change the nature of his life (for example, become engaged or married).

24. The student is not allowed to get any new tattoos or body piercings while participating in the boarding program.

25. A personal cell phone must be provided to each international student by his or her parents, unless this requirement is waived by Brazosport Christian School personnel. This will cost approximately \$500 for the year depending on the service plan. Internet may be accessed from the host family residence for up to 1 hour per night. The host family may limit internet and cell phone usage if they feel it is interfering with academic progress or hindering social connections.

26. Students may bring their own computer and internet capable smartphone but it will not be permitted in the student's room but rather in a general living area of the house. The computer and smartphone settings must be in English. The host family will have access to any information on the student's computer and smartphone at all times and may install internet filtering software. Inappropriate use of the Internet by the student, including viewing pornography or visiting questionable websites, is not acceptable. Such activity may result in program termination.

27. The student may not operate a motorized vehicle including the host family's vehicle or any friend's vehicle.

28. The student should have sufficient financial support to ensure his or her well-being during the entire program. Parents must submit proof of a credit ATM VISA card in the student's name with at least a \$1,000 credit limit for expenses throughout the year.

29. Room and board are included in the tuition amount. The student may wish to purchase items such as clothing, room decorations and music lessons. He or she may also wish to attend senior trip or attend banquets. These expenses would be paid for by the extra money students bring with them on the ATM VISA card or additional funds sent to the student during the school year by his or her parents.

30. The student and his or her parents must pay bills promptly. Full tuition for the year is due by the date on the contract.

31. The student is not permitted to borrow money.

32. If for any reason the student is unable to participate in the program, a full refund is not guaranteed. The refund amount will depend on the timing and circumstances of the withdrawal.

33. The student is required to purchase round-trip international air travel before the student departs from his or her home country. This information must be forwarded to Brazosport Christian School personnel by the date specified in the contract. Permission for

different arrival or departure dates must be approved by Brazosport Christian School personnel. Parents, not students, are responsible for directly purchasing airfare and making travel arrangements.

Returning international students should not make travel plans for the following school year until after re-enrollment contracts are issued by Brazosport Christian School.

34. The student is permitted to travel domestically with the host parents or with WANet/SEI/BCS sponsorship. Independent travel, aside from trips directly to and from the home country, is not allowed unless prior approval is granted from Brazosport Christian School personnel. The cost of independent travel would be the student and home family's responsibility. Students must return home during Christmas break unless permission to make other plans is granted by Brazosport Christian School.

35. If a student needs unusual help for a matter not related to the academic requirement of WANet/SEI/BCS, the family would need to request permission for the activity and provide necessary funds and compensation for the activity.

36. The student must return home within 2 days of the last day of school. Host families will not provide housing during summer break. In May of a given school year, the I-20 will be extended for another academic year providing student has done well academically, is current on payment, and after the student demonstrates proof of travel purchase to return home for the summer months of June, July and early August.