

# grow

academically, emotionally, spiritually

# cultivate

Christ-like relationships

# nurture

the entire child

## Our Expectations of Our Host Families:

- Dedicated Christians active in a Bible believing church
- Primarily English-speaking (knowledge of the Chinese language not needed)
- Friendly, warm, flexible, and financially stable
- Ability to provide social, academic, and spiritual support
- Experience with children or teenagers
- A heart to make an eternal impact on a student

## Commitment Levels

Short-term Housing: Up to 2 weeks; as needed on an emergency or short-term basis

Long-term Housing: 10-month housing for the school year; approximately August 15-June 15 (Primary Need)

Summer Housing: 2 month housing for the summer months, approximately June 15-August 15. Students take morning classes at our San Leandro campus.

## For more information, please contact us at:

Email: [Studentservices@casalameda.org](mailto:Studentservices@casalameda.org)  
Phone: (510) 522-0200 (Alameda campus)  
(510) 357-4957 (San Leandro campus)



Rebecca and her American brother pick cherries.

Jacob and his Host Family visit the Crystal Cathedral.



## School

We strive to provide a high-quality Christian education. All our international students will attend school at our San Leandro or Alameda campuses.

## Students

Our students come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and personalities from different parts of the world. While most of our international students come from mainland China and Hong Kong, we also have students from Korea, Columbia, and Taiwan.

## International Student Services (ISS)

We exist to serve our international students and our host families by providing academic, emotional, cultural, and spiritual support to ensure that our students are successful.

## What do host families have to provide?

We ask that host families provide food, housing, transportation, basic daily necessities, and lots of LOVE! Other than that, we also ask that the host family provides a bed, drawers or space for the student's things, and a quiet place to study. Students may share room with one of your children if they are within 2-3 years of each other and of the same sex.

## What is involved in the application process?

Interested host families are asked to fill out an application form including 2 reference forms, pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process, and complete an in-home interview.

## Do host families receive compensation for hosting?

Each host family will receive a monthly stipend to assist in the added cost of hosting a student.

## Will the student speak English?

All students will speak enough English to communicate on the basic level.

## Are there any legal issues when housing a student?

Your legal responsibilities are similar to those times when your child might bring a friend home to stay for the night. That friend temporarily becomes part of your family, and you stand in the role of that child's parent.

## Will we receive support from the ISS?

Yes! ISS will be with you every step of the way. From orientation meetings to monthly emails, we will walk with you and your student through this experience. If any problems happen to arise, we will be there to help you resolve them.



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