



In-Japan Program PARENTAL AGREEMENT

The In-Japan programs are educational experiences that focus on creating deep and lasting interpersonal relationships between your child and their host family. In order to achieve this, there are a number of policies and procedures designed to help your child make the most of their time in Japan, to limit homesickness, and to limit misunderstandings by maintaining clear lines of communication. Please read the points below and sign at the bottom to indicate that you understand and agree to abide by these policies and procedures.

- Internet access is not guaranteed during the homestay. If the host family does have internet, then the program limits the delegate's usage to 3 times a week for 30 minutes each time.
- Phone calls and video conferencing (Skype, Windows Live, etc) are not allowed during the homestay.
- Delegates should not bring laptops. However, other small electronics (Nintendo DS, iPods, etc) are allowed. The program is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft that occurs during the homestay.
- Delegates should not bring international cell phones or any other devices that will allow them to call overseas.
- In the event that a problem does arise during the homestay, the following chains of communication will be followed:

*Host Family ⇄ Family Exchange Chaperone ⇄ Japanese Staff ⇄ Delegate -OR-
USA Family ⇄ Family Exchange Coordinator ⇄ Japanese Staff ⇄ Host Family*

These communication chains ensure that everyone is kept in the loop, and limits misunderstandings that may arise from language and cultural differences.

- If any concerns arise during the homestay, please contact the appropriate person in a timely manner. Most issues end up being a simple breakdown of communication or a cultural misunderstanding. We have years of experience in international youth exchange and will mediate the problem. Both the North American parents and host parents should abide by the programs decisions regarding plans of action.
- If the North American parents do not agree with the programs course of action, they may remove their child from the program. However, they will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by ending the program early.

Name of Applicant: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____

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