

Short-Term Exchange Host Family Guide

(La Salle Center for Cultural Perspectives)

Thank you for considering hosting one of our visiting students! Short-term hosting is a wonderful way to make a new friend, share your family life, and enjoy a cultural exchange right at home. Please note that **this hosting opportunity is open to current La Salle families.**

Here are a few simple ways to help make the experience a great one:

<i>Welcome your student into your home.</i>	Provide a comfortable place to stay, a separate bed (room sharing is ok), regular meals, and help them feel included in your family routine.
<i>Keep it simple and fun</i>	You do not need to entertain your student every day. Normal experiences - family dinners, errands, sporting events, shopping, conversations with you or relaxing at home - are all part of the exchange.
<i>Be their La Salle connection</i>	On campus days, your La Salle student will serve as the visiting student's host, helping them navigate campus, meet students, and feel part of our community.
<i>Enjoy family time and weekends together</i>	If your family has plans, we encourage you to include your visiting student. Families are also encouraged to show them favorite local attractions, neighborhoods, or other popular places.
<i>Help with transportation</i>	Provide daily transportation to and from school with your La Salle student and scheduled activities when needed. Program transportation details will be shared in advance.
<i>Share your household routine</i>	Let your student know your family's normal expectations, including schedules, curfew, and other household guidelines.
<i>Stay connected with us</i>	If your student is feeling unwell, homesick, or if any questions or changes in plans arise, simply contact the program coordinator. We are here to support you throughout the visit. Also, all host families will support each other through a group chat during the stay.
<i>Host family benefits</i>	Hosting is a volunteer opportunity and is not financially compensated. As a thank-you, host families receive 20 hours of La Salle service credit . In addition, students from host families receive priority consideration for outgoing exchange programs and a \$300 discount toward exchange trip costs .

Most Importantly - The goal is simply to welcome a student into your family, share everyday life, learn from one another, and have fun. Many host families find that the friendships and memories created through these short visits last far beyond the exchange itself, and many of our host families continue to stay in touch with their visiting students and his/her families.

Whenever needed, please reach out to Ms. Jialin Sun, the Director of the Center for Cultural Perspectives, for questions or assistance needed. **Thank you for helping us bring the world a little closer to La Salle!**

