



SSMS Host Families Needed for Students from China

Seven Springs Middle School had an amazingly successful exchange program last 3 years and by popular demand is pleased to announce a repeat for the 2017-18 school year. The program will begin around the end of January and will finalize at the end of March. We are in need of approximately 35 host families to take in these students for two months this school year.

Hosting is a rewarding opportunity. Your family will learn about Chinese culture and language while building long lasting relationships. This is an opportunity to broaden your children's perspectives on the world while students from China have the opportunity to learn about American culture and life. This is a chance to teach your children about the world in a way that is impossible in a classroom or book.

Students will attend classes at SSMS during their time here and will go on an excursion during one weekend. There will be a few gathering opportunities for the host families, but for the most part, they will spend time with you, as if, they were a member of your family. We want you to follow your regular routines: buy groceries, go to soccer games, watch movies, etc. These activities will be interesting and fun for these students. You are not expected to do anything extra as the goal is to learn the true American way of life.

Students will arrive in the US with medical insurance and spending money. Beijing New Talent Academy will also provide families with \$1500 (\$750 per month per child) to cover expenses for student's time in the US. Students from the Beijing New Talent Academy have had English as a course in school, are very motivated, and well-behaved students. SSMS will hold meetings with potential host families to provide information about Chinese culture and beliefs. These students do travel with their Chinese teachers here. In the case of your family emergency, their Chinese teacher can help watch the kids.

If this is an opportunity your family would like to participate in, please fill out the application attached to this flyer and return it to Mr. Martindale. Filling out this application does not guarantee you will have an exchange student. If you have any additional questions, please email Mr. Martindale at dmartind@pasco.k12.fl.us or Mrs. Seibert at sseibert@pasco.k12.fl.us. We will also have a parent information meeting on, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to answer any questions you may have.

SSMS Homestay Provider Application

Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

*SSMS will perform a security check with local law enforcement on all applicants and spouses *Please use first and last name

Contact Information and Location Details

Home Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ - _____

Check beside best number to contact

Will your exchange student be a bus rider? Yes NO If yes, Bus Number: _____

Family Environment

Applicant Occupation: _____ Typical Hours: _____

Spouse Occupation: _____ Typical Hours: _____

Primary Family Language: _____ Secondary Language(s): _____

Family Type: 2 parent single parent 2 adults, no children single, no children

Children Details: _____ Name _____ D.O.B _____ Age/Grade _____

Other Occupants _____ Name _____ D.O.B _____ Age/Grade _____

Home Description

House Type: single ____ detached ____ apartment ____ townhouse ____ duplex ____ other _____

Describe the area where the student will sleep. Location: _____

Size: _____ Shared Room: Y of N Shared Bed: Y or N

If shared room, with who: _____ Furnishings (Number of Beds): _____

Family Hobbies and Interests

Do you have pets?	Pet Details
Y OR N	_____

Dietary Choices/Practices	Dietary-Additional Information
Regular _____ Vegetarian _____	_____
Kosher _____ Halal _____	_____
Other _____	_____

Medical Concerns (if Any)	Extracurricular Activities
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Do you allow smoking in your home?	International Travel Experience
Y Or N	NO _____ Limited _____ Extensive _____

Preferences (please check one)

While making your decision please keep in mind that more boys are typically available, as parents are often more concerned about sending their daughters overseas on their own.

Prefer male student, but can take female student _____ Prefer female student, but can take male student _____

Male student only, cannot take female student _____ Female student only, cannot take male student _____

Do not have a preference _____ Prefer multiple students (circle one) Y or N if yes, Max _____

Have you hosted an international student in the past – give details

Summarize why your family would like to host a student from Beijing New Talent Academy

Provide an example of your typical week

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Spring Break Plan

- _____ 1, My family does not have plan for spring break, and student can stay with us.
- _____ 2. My family does have plan for spring break, and can take student with us (Student will pay for their own expenses)
- _____ 3. My family has plan to travel for spring break, but cannot take student with us. Hence need to send student to other tours.

If you chose 3, please specify dates of traveling _____

Please read the following:

All homestay families are expected to provide a warm, secure, healthy environment for students from Beijing New Talent Academy. They are expected to provide a nutritious breakfast and dinner every day the students are living in their homes. They are expected to always respect the student’s privacy and to expect the student to respect theirs. Our students are particularly vulnerable because they are unfamiliar with American customs and culture, and generally speaking, may not know whom to ask for help. If a student reports that there are problems in the home such as drug abuse, sexual impropriety, inappropriate conduct, or abusive language or behavior, the student will be removed from the home without notice and legal or other action may be taken if warranted.

Moreover, SSMS reserves the right to move a student without advance notice if a situation is unsatisfactory or if problems cannot be resolved between family members and the student. When a student is moved, the family may be required to return a portion of any compensation given as part of the homestay agreement.

The homestay family hereby agrees to release Seven Springs Middle School, Beijing New Talent Academy, and Pasco County Schools from all liability for loss or damage to their home caused by student(s) and hereby releases Seven Springs Middle School, Beijing New Talent Academy, and Pasco County Schools and its agents and employees from all liability arising from participation including, without limitation for property damage or loss, or the debts, conducts or actions of the student(s) assigned to the home.

Homestay placements will be conducted at the discretion of Seven Springs Middle School and Beijing New Talent Academy. Submission of this document does not guarantee a homestay placement.

I/we have read and agree to the terms as stated:

Print Name: _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Upon completion of this application please e-mail, mail or fax to:

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