



Boarding Handbook Supplement: Guidelines for Boarding Students

1. Prior to leaving the home country for Wheaton Academy, 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.
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 Wheaton Academy does not guarantee athletic eligibility. An eligibility ruling is made for each individual case by the IHSA. International students are usually ineligible for their first academic year at Wheaton Academy.
5. The student's parents give Wheaton Academy the right to use the student's photograph for reproduction in any medium for the purposes of publication, advertising, display, or editorial use. No personal information will be publicized.
6. Wheaton Academy 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 I20 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 August 10 without prior permission from the Boarding Administrator.
10. Boarding students will each live with a Wheaton Academy 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 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 student 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 or experiences abuse or harassment of any kind or, he or she will immediately disclose the incident to the Boarding Administrator 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 host family and Boarding Administrator 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. Boarding students, especially 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 Wheaton Academy and will be respectful of school staff and faculty.
17. Parents must communicate directly with the Boarding Administrator 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 the Boarding Administrator. While visits are encouraged, host families will not be expected to house student's guests at any time.
19. A completed medical authorization form, health and immunizations form, and wellness consent form must be received by the Boarding Administrator by the date specified in the contract.
20. Students must share with their host family any medication they bring from their home country to take on a regular or occasional basis.
21. 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.
22. 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).
23. The student is not allowed to get any new tattoos or body piercings while participating in the boarding program.
24. A personal cell phone must be provided to each international student by his or her parents, unless this requirement is waived by the Boarding Administrator. Internet may also be accessed from the host family residence. The host family may limit internet and cell phone usage to certain hours of the day, if they feel it is interfering with academic progress or with face to face social connections.
25. Students may bring their own computer. It will not be permitted in the student's room but rather in a general living area of the house. 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.
26. The student may not operate a motorized vehicle including the host family's vehicle or any friend's vehicle.
27. The student should have sufficient financial support to ensure his or her well-being during the entire program. Parents must submit proof of a checking account with an ATM VISA card in the student and parent name with a \$1000 balance to be used for personal expenses while at Wheaton Academy by the date specified in the contract.
28. 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.
29. The student and his or her parents must pay bills promptly. Full tuition for the year is due by the date specified in the contract.
30. The student is not permitted to borrow money.
31. If for any reason the student is unable to participate in the program, a full refund is not guaranteed. The amount refunded will depend on the timing and the circumstances of the withdrawal.
32. 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 the Boarding Administrator by the date specified in the contract. Parents, not students, are responsible for directly purchasing airfare and making travel arrangements.
33. The student is permitted to travel domestically with the host parents or with Wheaton Academy sponsorship. Independent travel, aside from trips directly to and from the home country, is not allowed unless prior approval is granted from the Boarding Administrator. 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 the Boarding Administrator.
34. If a student needs unusual help for a matter not related to the academic requirements of Wheaton Academy, the family would need to request permission for the activity and provide necessary funds and compensation for the activity.
35. The student must return home within 10 days of the last day of school. Host families will not provide housing during summer break. In May of a given school year, the I20 will be extended for another academic year providing the student has done well academically, a host family is available for the student for the following year, and after the student demonstrates proof of travel purchase to return home for the summer months of June, July and early August.
36. Both boarding students and their parents are expected to read and be familiar with the Wheaton Academy student handbook. By signing the boarding contract, families are also agreeing to the standards and rules detailed in the handbook.
37. The student must arrive on campus Monday, August 10 at 10 AM to meet the host family and school personnel and attend all orientation and training meetings offered by Wheaton Academy for boarding students.