



# American Young Leader Exchange

## AYLX Student Code of Conduct

As an American Young Leader Exchange (“AYLX”) student (“Student”), you are a representative of this program, your community, yourself, and your family. As such, you are expected, at all times, to conduct yourself in a manner that positively reflects the goals and mission of the AYLX program, your community, and the values that represent you and your family at home. It is your responsibility to know and abide by the rules outlined here for your safety and well-being. AYLX expects all students to cooperate with these rules and encourages you to ask your host family, Local Coordinator, or AYLX directly to explain any rules that you do not understand. Failure to abide by the following rules may result in dismissal from the program.

1. **Behavior:** AYLX Students must understand that they are representatives of their hometowns, home states, and AYLX and must behave and treat others in an appropriate and respectful manner. Students should not engage in conduct that will bring disrepute to their home families, the AYLX, other participants, host schools, or host families. An AYLX Student will be considered for dismissal from the AYLX program for behavior that AYLX considers detrimental to themselves or to the AYLX.
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2. **US Laws:** AYLX Students must abide by all U.S. laws; federal, state, and local.
3. **Drugs:** The program has a zero-tolerance drug policy. AYLX Students may not possess or use drugs that are considered illegal by U.S. federal laws, regardless of state and local laws. Violators of this policy will be dismissed from the AYLX program.
4. **Computers/Mobile Devices:** Students who break host family or school rules or local laws regarding the use of a home or school computer/mobile device, who engage in risky online activity, or who place the host family’s personal information anywhere on the Internet may face criminal charges and will be considered for dismissal from the AYLX program. Students who in any way put the safety of themselves or others at risk or bring disrepute to the AYLX and/or host families by inappropriate or inflammatory postings on social media, memes, or blogs or misusing the Internet will be considered for dismissal from the AYLX program.
5. **Employment:** AYLX Students are not allowed to work full or part-time during the program. If Students would like to earn spending money during their stay, they are permitted to hold small jobs (no more than 10 hours per week) such as baby-sitting, grass cutting, and newspaper delivery.
6. **Academic:** Students must always be aware of their responsibility as exchange students and make a determined effort in their school, host family, and host community. Students

must attend school daily unless sick and under a doctor's care or with special permission from their host parents. Students must complete all homework and assignments. Students must carry a full course load and maintain a "C" average or better in all classes.

7. **Academic Integrity:** AYLX Students are expected to adhere to high standards of academic integrity. Assignments, projects, exams, etc. should be the Student's own work. Plagiarism and cheating are grounds for dismissal from the AYLX program.
8. **Changing Host Families and Schools:** Students cannot change families and schools without mediation or due process with AYLX.
9. **Travel:**
  - a. Students are allowed to travel only if accompanied by a responsible adult (21 years of age or older), if:
    - i. their AYLX Regional Director has received written approval by their natural parents/guardians;
    - ii. from their host family; and
    - iii. the trip does not involve missing any school. The exception is a school-sponsored trip.
  - b. Students must notify their AYLX Regional Coordinator of all travel plans at least one week prior to the trip.
  - c. Students may not return to their home family for holidays or for any reason other than an emergency.
10. **Sexual Contact or Sexual Activity:** Students must not participate in any sexual contact or sexual activity that is culturally inappropriate including (but not limited to) contact with minors, adults, or with any members of the host family household.
11. **Sexual Harassment and Abuse Prevention:** Students will have read and will adhere to the AYLX Sexual Harassment and Abuse Prevention Policy.  
(<https://www.aylx.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/AYLX-Sexual-Harassment-Abuse-Prevention-Policy.pdf>)
12. **Athletics:** Athletic eligibility or participation is not guaranteed. It is dependent on the local and national rules and school policies.
13. **Insurance:** Students must have insurance coverage through AYLX or coverage through their parent's policies.
14. **Holidays:** On special occasions (Christmas, birthdays, etc.) the Student's priority must be to spend this time with their host family.

15. **Contractual Agreement:** No Student may enter into any contractual agreement, be it business, marital, or religious while on the program.
16. **Alcohol:** Consumption and/or purchase of alcohol by Students while on the exchange are/is prohibited, with the exception of the use of alcohol in connection with religious worship; this is regardless of local customs, availability, or prevalence of alcohol consumption. Students who violate this policy will be considered for dismissal from the AYLX program.
17. **Smoking:** It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 years to possess or purchase tobacco products in the United States. You will be placed on probation for any infraction and Students who continuously violate this policy will be considered for dismissal from the AYLX program
18. **Hitchhiking:** AYLX Students are not permitted to hitchhike.
19. **Firearms:** AYLX Students are not permitted to purchase, carry or use firearms under any circumstances.
20. **Adult Content:** Students are not permitted to visit such places as pornographic shops, adult theaters, drinking establishments, or any websites related to pornography.
21. **Host Family Rules:** Students must abide by all host family rules and must voluntarily help with household chores.
22. **Respect:**
  - a. Students must show respect for their host families and act as a member of the family.
  - b. Students must show respect for their Local Coordinators and follow their instructions.
  - c. Students are not permitted to talk about the host family's private affairs with others.
23. **Integration and Acculturation:** The Student will limit the duration and frequency of communication with their home friends and family to the extent necessary to promote the Student's successful integration and acculturation with their host family and community.
24. **Family Visits:** Parents and friends may not visit the Student during the program and may not disturb the host family life.
25. **Dangerous/Risky Activities:** The following activities are strictly forbidden: driving or riding any moped, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, etc., hang gliding, bungee jumping, hitchhiking, parachute jumping, piloting or flying in a private plane, mountain biking, rock climbing, skateboarding, or extreme sports. Obtaining piercings/tattoos, engaging in

irresponsible sexual activity, using web-based or social media applications to meet strangers in person, and inappropriate public displays of affection per local cultural norms are considered potentially unsafe, and participants engaging voluntarily in behavior may be considered for program dismissal. It is ultimately the Student's responsibility to know what activities are forbidden by AYLX and not to participate in them.

26. **Driving:** AYLX Students are not permitted to drive any motor vehicle (including motorcycles, mopeds, and cars) except during the course of an accredited driver education class. Students may enroll in a school-sponsored driver education class if their host family and home family permit it.
  
27. **Dismissal from the AYLX Program:** Any Student who fails to comply with this AYLX Student Code of Conduct, the host family rules or local, state, or federal laws, as well as after a reasonable period of time for adjustment, poor motivation, under-achievement, recurring absences, inappropriate behavior, or poor adjustment to the culture or host family may be cause for dismissal from the program. All costs for any expenses involved in doing so will be the Student's and their parents'/guardians' responsibility.