

Thank you for Accepting an AFS Student!

Consider these next steps before your student arrives:



Share the AFS student's profile and Placement Acceptance Form (PAF) with appropriate school staff. This information contains transcripts, test scores, health information, and contact information for both the host family and local AFS volunteer.



Review the student's AFS Health Certificate early, ideally before arrival, and contact AFS about any missing immunizations. It is much easier and less disruptive to the adjustment process for students to receive necessary vaccinations in their home country and before the first day of school.



Inform the host family of your enrollment procedures. Is there an online process? What paperwork do they need? Who do they contact? Completing as much of this process as possible before the student arrives saves everyone time and energy to focus on welcoming the student.



Remember that AFS expects students to follow all school rules and policies including those on attendance, extracurricular participation, and academic integrity. AFS does NOT require students to enroll in a particular grade level, take specific courses, or receive academic credit or a diploma.



Explore our AFS intercultural resources. These are great for teachers who will have an exchange student in their classroom for the first time or for educators who want to expand on the global perspectives brought by the exchange students in any subject. These are a great way to build a sense of belonging in every classroom.



Contact your local AFS Volunteer if you have any questions or concerns before or after the student arrives. They will also be reaching out to you regularly to check in and share opportunities and resources! We value your partnership and are here to support you throughout your hosting experience.



Resources for AFS Schools and Educators

How else can AFS help support your school?

In addition to hosting international students, AFS is also known for offering a variety of other tools and resources including classroom activities, scholarships for U.S. students to study abroad, opportunities for professional development for teachers, and more!

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Global Up Americas Virtual Exchange U.S. classrooms connect with peers abroad from Central and South America through a series of online learning modules and in live discussions while exploring topics such as identity, cultural values, empathy, resilience, conflict resolution, and more.				
Classroom Activities & Intercultural Resources Educators facilitate a more inclusive and accepting learning environment using our intercultural activities and resources that cover more than 40 topics. Applicable to a variety of subject areas and grade levels.				
Study Abroad & Scholarships Students experience the world first-hand through an AFS study abroad program. AFS-USA is committed to meeting the demonstrated financial need of all accepted applicants to ensure access to these life-changing, intercultural opportunities which prepare them for their future in a global society.				
Global Up Educator & Teen Programs Educators and/or students develop tangible skills to navigate difference and conflict by connecting with their counterparts from around the country and world through this blended learning experience.				
Teacher Meet-ups and Exchanges Connect with educators across the globe or let us help you engage with students, educators, and schools throughout our network of partner organizations worldwide.				
Local Partnerships Schools and communities benefit from strong partnerships with their local AFS volunteers. They have access to AFS-only events, special programs, recognition for global endeavors, strong local support, local scholarships, and more.				



Explore our website for more information, or let us know how we can help at educators@afsusa.org