

## AFS ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the *Before you Depart* (Pages 9-12) Section of your Welcome to the USA Handbook regarding AFS USA's policies with regards to the academic requirements and school participation/attendance while here on your program. See attachment below (Page 10).

### U.S. Visa

The U.S. visa is the permission issued by an overseas U.S. consulate abroad for a visitor to seek permission to enter the United States. The actual approval to enter the U.S. is granted by Immigration Officials at the U.S. port of entry (airport, border crossing, etc.)

As an exchange student, you are in the U.S. on a **student visa** and are expected to attend school regularly. **Poor school performance and non-attendance are grounds for AFS to consider your early return.**

Please refer to the *American Schools* (Pages 40-45) Section of your Welcome to the USA Handbook regarding AFS USA's policies with regards to the academic requirements of your program and your J-1 Visa Status. See attachment below (Page 40).

**AFS is an academic program and attending school is an integral part of the AFS experience.**

Every AFS Participant should be prepared to make an honest effort in school—even if they have graduated in their home country.

AFS Participants must attend school regularly, complete all assignments and participate in class. AFS expects you to do your best in school. Attending school and completing homework assignments are essential! **Failing to do so may result in an early return to your home country.**