



AFS-GPS

Legal Guardian Information for Hosted Students

BOTTOM LINE...HOST PARENTS ARE NOT LEGAL GUARDIANS.

Sports

Host parents may not sign as guardians for their exchange students to play sports or participate in other activities. If your student joins any team or club or organization where parent or guardian permission is required, it is the Natural Parents that must sign the form, or you must have their written signature on a authorized waiver. (see below)

Oftentimes students come with a permission form signed by their natural parents for school activities. In this case, sign forms as the host parent and give a copy of the signed waiver to the school with the form.

In order to obtain appropriate documentation, please give AFS at least 2 weeks advance notice. Contact the Support Staff at AFS Western Regional Service Center in Portland at: 1-800-876-2377 to start the activity waiver process.

Medical Treatment

Host parents do have the right to sign for medical treatment for illness or injury. Your student will bring with him/her a medical waiver signed by the natural parents.

Additional information in your Host Family Handbook:

Parental Authorization Form for playing sports | Page 36 | host family handbook

Waiver for activities needing a guardian signature | Page 74 | host family handbook

AFS is Legal Guardian | Page 9 | host family handbook.

Medical Authorization | Page 43 | host family handbook.