

# AFS-GPS

## Travel Policy for American Students Going Abroad

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### 1. Students traveling with host families.

If a host family plans on traveling away from their home, even for the weekend, the AFS student must have permission from AFS-USA and his/her natural parent(s). AFS-USA must have the following information.

- A. Dates of travel
- B. Location of travel
- C. Contact phone number at destination

### 2. Independent travel-any travel without a host family member.

AFS-GPS does not permit independent travel. If, for some reason, travel will occur without a host family member, the following permissions will be required:

- A. AFS-USA must approve of the travel at least 30 days prior to travel.
- B. Natural parents must approve of the travel and must, in writing, notify AFS-USA.
- C. Host families must approve the travel and must, in writing, notify AFS in the host country.
- D. The AFS organization in the host country must approve of the travel.
- E. Students may not miss any school due to travel.
- F. Students must be able to pay for the entire trip. AFS will not financially support any independent travel.
- G. If a hosted student will travel outside of his/her host country, all visa requirements must be fulfilled prior to requesting permission from AFS-USA or AFS in the host country.

AFS (USA or host country) may refuse to allow any independent travel if either organization feels it is not in the best interest of the student for whatever reason.

These are the AFS Greater Puget Sound travel policies and are in accordance with AFS-USA travel policies. Host countries or host chapters may also have additional travel rules or restrictions. All AFS students agree to follow these and any host country policies.

By signing this document, both the AFS student and parent acknowledge to have read and understand the AFS travel policies and agree to adhere to them during the entire length of the AFS student's experience.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Host country: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_