

Program Policies

Policies include but are not limited to the list below. See the Amicus Student and Parent Handbook for further details. Read the full Handbook and all documents before signing the Agreement. Violation of any policy is just cause for being terminated from the program and returning home immediately. There is no refund of the program fee when dismissed.

- 1) Students must abide by all U.S. laws
- 2) It is against the law in the U.S. for high school students to possess, purchase or consume alcohol. This law applies to all Amicus students as well. The legal age for buying and consuming alcohol in the U.S. is 21.
- 3) The use of drugs for non-medical reasons by Young Life Amicus students under any circumstances is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to Marijuana, Meth, Cocaine and LSD.
- 4) Students are not permitted to smoke or possess any tobacco or tobacco products in any form, including vapor and e-cigarettes, while in the Young Life Amicus program.
- 5) Amicus students are not permitted to purchase, carry or use firearms under any circumstances.
- 6) Young Life Amicus student under the J-1 visa s are not permitted to hold part-time jobs. Accepting paid employment can result in deportation. If you would like to earn spending money during your stay, you are permitted to babysit, tutor or do occasional jobs like yard work (no more than 10 hours per week).
- 7) Students are not permitted to drive any motorized vehicle (including motorcycles, mopeds and cars). Students may not participate in any driver education.
- 8) Young Life Amicus is an academic program. Students must be enrolled and attend high school. If a student is expelled from school for any reason, it is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.
- 9) Students must attend school daily unless sick and under a doctor's care or with special permission from host parents. **Students must complete all homework and assignments.** Students must carry a full course load and maintain a "C" average or better in every class. Students must enroll in an appropriate English language course (determined by the local school).
- 10) Students are not permitted to visit such places as pornographic shops, adult theaters, drinking establishments or any websites related to pornography.
- 11) Students must not participate in any sexual contact or sexual activity that is culturally inappropriate in the U.S. including (but not limited to) contact with minors or with any members of the host family household.
- 12) Students must respect and abide by all host family rules, act as a member of the family, and voluntarily help with household tasks and chores. Students must show respect for and obey their local Amicus Mentor, school authorities and other instructors.
- 13) Students cannot change families or schools without mediation or due process. Students cannot move from the host family home without permission of their Amicus Mentor and Director.
- 14) Students are allowed to travel with their host family. For other travel the student must be accompanied by a responsible adult and have the approval of their U.S. Amicus Mentor. Any international travel with their Host Family must be approved in writing by a student's sending family.
- 15) Athletic eligibility or participation in any sport is not guaranteed. Participation is dependent on and determined by local, state and national rules and school policies.
- 16) High school graduation and diplomas are not guaranteed. Those are decisions made by the local school or school district only, not Amicus.
- 17) Contact between students and family/friends in one's home country is limited to once a week.



It is understood that the signature of the student and his/her parents who have signed the reverse side of this document agree to abide by each of the above stated policies.