

ITALIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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HOSTING CONTRACT

Our Italian guests will be arriving in fall of 2023. We have to start working as a group and make necessary preparations together for when the Italians arrive, Rules and regulations and the obligations of host families are listed below. In order for you to participate as a host family, parents and students must agree to abide by these stated rules, regulations, and obligations. Your signature on this form indicates your willingness to serve as a host family and abide by these rules, regulations, and obligations.

1. Under no circumstances are Italian students to be in a car driven by an American student on longer trips. Transporting student to and from school is acceptable. School bus transportation will be provided free of charge to and from school; however, Italian students should not have to ride the school bus by themselves or be left on their own if the American student is involved in extra-curricular activities.
2. Under no circumstances is an American student to take an exchange student on any type of trip without adult supervision.
3. ***American students who have jobs--the Italian students are not to be left alone for any significant period of time. Therefore, it is recommended that if an American student has a job s/he arrange with the employer for a leave of absence for the time of the exchange program.***
4. Student meetings and parties in the afternoon/evening in a larger group without parent **AND** teacher supervision are not permitted. The principal is in favor of a cultural exchange but she is also very strict about the rules. She wishes that students notify the teachers when meeting in groups after school. In addition, an Italian and an American teacher always need to be present for supervision.
5. No host family trips are to be scheduled which interfere with group activities unless prior notification.
6. A private bedroom (and bathroom) is not a requirement for same sex students.
7. The Italian students are not permitted to smoke at school. Smoking in your home is something that you need to address with your student. State law forbids drinking of alcoholic beverages! All students and host families must abide by the law!
8. ***Limit time with your boy/girl friend while you are hosting. Many Italians have been left at home alone in front of TV while American partner was out on a date!***
9. When at HHS, lunch will be provided for the Italian students.
10. Remember, the point of this trip is for Italians to experience American culture—please help them improve their English, encourage them to experience American foods, and participate in the typical daily activities of American families living in Hampshire County, WV.
11. All hosting families are required to follow the VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT PROCEDURE online on boe.hmap.k12.wv.us prior to hosting.
12. No weapons in the hands of Italian students. No target practice!
13. Italian students will receive an ID card from the office while at HHS and are required to wear it.

We want to assure you that being a host family is a deeply rewarding and satisfying experience. The possibility of a deep, life-long friendship with a student from Italy is a very real possibility. We also want to thank you in advance for your generosity in opening up your home to an Italian student and promise that we will do all in our power to make the hosting experience positive, educational, and enjoyable. For new family sign-ups, we will do an unannounced home check.

If you have any questions about hosting a student, please feel free to contact us at school at 822-5016--1034 (daytime) or Facebook group. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Parent

Student

Date

____ Check here if you can NOT host. Remember, this is an **EXCHANGE program**. If you cannot host, it will be your responsibility to find a family that can host the student; when you are in Italy, you will be staying with them.

HOST FAMILY FORM

1. Family Information:

Student (your) name: _____

Father's first name: _____ Last name: _____

Mother's first name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Directions to your home from school: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Emergency phone _____

Italian student's first name: _____ Last name: _____

2. Will the visiting student have a private bedroom? **YES** **NO**

3. Schedule will be handed out at a later time. Will you be planning any family trips with the student to other places? These trips should NOT be interfering with the scheduled trips (Date, Place, Time, etc.)

4. Recognizing that transportation is a major concern of Italian parents - students are NOT allowed to transport Italian students on longer trips (other than to and from school) without an adult in the vehicle - please answer the following questions:

• How will students be transported from your home to school? _____

• What arrangement will be made for afternoon and evening transport? _____
