

January 3, 2018

Dear Yinghua Families,

We are delighted to inform you that representatives from our sister school will lead a delegation of staff and students from Hohhot No. 8 Middle School to Yinghua Academy in the coming weeks.

Their visit will strengthen the friendship between our schools and further foster language and cultural exchange among our students and staff. We know that our guests would appreciate a home-stay with Yinghua families. This allows for a true cultural experience and, as we have seen in the past, leads to long-lasting and meaningful friendships.

Our guests are tentatively scheduled to arrive in Minnesota on Feb 1. and depart on February 8, however, please keep your calendar open, as the dates may vary slightly.

If you would like to be considered as a host for either a single student, two students, or as a host of an adult chaperone, please complete the attached form and return it to the Yinghua Academy front office by Friday, February 5, Attn: Susan Reader. All host families will be required to attend a host-family info-session prior to the arrival of our guests.

Thank you for opening your home and hearts to our visitors. We hope this will be a rewarding experience for your family, and we look forward to receiving your application!

Host Family Application

Contact Information

Primary Contact Name: _____

Yinghua Student Name: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

An emergency contact name and phone number (if different from above):

Please list the names and ages of all people living in your home:

Name

Age

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Would you be able to host one or two students? (circle) 1 2

Would you prefer to host: (circle) Male Female No Preference

Would you consider hosting an adult from the visiting school? Yes ____ No ____
(circle) Male Female No Preference

Typically, how long is your commute to Yinghua Academy? _____ (in minutes)

Do your children ride the bus? Yes _____ No _____

Our Household is Chinese-speaking _____, English-speaking _____, other language(s) that are spoken at home: _____

Do you have any pets?

Name	Type	Indoor/Outdoor
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Does any member of your family smoke? (Yes/No) _____

Hosted student(s) will have their own bathroom _____, or share a bathroom with _____ (number of people).

Hosted student(s) will have own bedroom _____, or will share a bedroom with a student of the same sex (name: _____).

Guidelines

The host family will be responsible for transporting the guest student to and from Yinghua and other planned activities by driving or arranging for a carpool for the duration of the guest student's visit.

The host family will provide breakfast and dinner on the days the guest student stays with the family. The host family is encouraged to participate in the after-school activities planned by Yinghua. (Please try to keep an open calendar).

Prohibitions

Guns: Guns are not a part of most other cultures. Families who have guns must not show them to the guest students and should keep them **SECURELY LOCKED AWAY** at all times. Guest students are not allowed to participate in any hunting or gun related events due to liability issues.

Driving: Guest students are **NOT** allowed to operate motorized vehicles of any kind, including ATVs.

Criminal History:

- 1) Has any member of your household ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any crime(s)? (circle) Yes No

If yes, explain in detail: _____

- 2) Has anyone in your household ever been subject to any court order involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse including but not limited to any domestic violence or civil harassment injunction or protective order? (circle) Yes No

If yes, describe in full. Indicate dates and in which city and state each took place:

- 3) Have you or anyone in your household had any contact with any child protective service agency in the past? (circle) Yes No

If yes, please indicate when and for what reason:

I verify that the information I have entered on this form is accurate and that every attempt will be made to make the exchange student's experience as enjoyable as possible.

Signature of Head of Host Family:

Date:

