



HOMESTAY FAQs

What should we provide throughout the summer?

Please provide a comfortable place to sleep, shower, and work. We ask that you also provide access to food and laundry facilities.

Who are Breakthrough Teaching Fellows?

Breakthrough Teaching Fellows are outstanding college students from across the nation who have been selected from a rigorous application process to teach middle school students during the summer program. In order to attract top college students from around the nation, we look for homestays every year.

When will the Teaching Fellow be staying with us?

Teachers arrive in Orange County on June 16th and Teacher Orientation will begin on June 17th. Our last day with teachers is August 12th.

What are their work hours like?

During the 8 weeks, Breakthrough teachers will be on the St. Margaret's campus from around 7:15am-5:30pm.

Do we have to prepare meals for our host Teaching Fellow?

You do not need to prepare meals for your host son/daughter, however, we ask that you provide access to food. Teachers will receive breakfast and lunch during the program but will need dinner on weeknights and weekends. Host families and teachers can communicate about personal expectations regarding food.

How will our Teaching Fellow get to and from Breakthrough?

Breakthrough will provide transportation to the St. Margaret's campus. We organize carpools.

Can I let my host son/daughter borrow my car?

If you plan to let your host son/daughter borrow your car, please put them on your car insurance policy since they will be living under your roof. Please do not allow them to drive your car otherwise.

May we invite our Teaching Fellow to join us on family outings?

Of course! Many wonderful relationships develop during homestays. However, teachers may not have excess energy or time because of their teaching commitments.

Will my Teaching Fellow tutor my child at home?

That is determined by the individual, however please keep in mind teachers are very busy with his/her own "homework" such as lesson plans, grading and planning student events.

*Should you have additional questions, feel free to contact
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