

FREEMAN ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM POLICY

2013 Revision

Student's Name: _____

This policy must be read and signed by both the student and his/her parents.

1. Age:

I am at least 14 years of age on the first day of the program. _____ Yes _____ No
I will not be older than the age of 18 upon arrival in Freeman. _____ Yes _____ No
Exceptions will be determined, on a case-by-case basis.

2. General Understandings:

- I understand that Freeman Academy is a private, protestant, Christian high school.
- I understand that participation in Chapel services and Bible (religion) classes are required.
- Non-Christian students are welcome to attend Freeman Academy.
- I will make every effort to adjust to and become a member of the Freeman community and host family, if applicable.
- Freeman Academy does not guarantee high school graduation status or a diploma to any international student.

3. Unlawful Acts/Forbidden Behavior

- I am always under the jurisdiction of the national, state and local laws, and of the rules of the school.
- The possession of any object which could be considered or used as a weapon is prohibited.
- The use of illegal, non-prescription drugs is not permitted. I will only use medications that are prescribed by a doctor.
- Over-the-counter medications such as aspirin may be taken with adult supervision.
- The use of illegal drugs is grounds for expulsion from school, termination of the program, and immediate return, at my expense, to my home.
- Freeman Academy specifically prohibits the consumption of alcohol and tobacco products. This policy applies regardless of the fact that I may be of legal age in my home country. Should I break this rule, I will be dismissed from the program and sent home at my own expense.
- I am to refrain from sexual behavior and activity. If I am found to be pregnant or responsible for a pregnancy, I will be dismissed from Freeman Academy and sent home immediately at my own expense.
- I am not allowed to permanently alter my body in any way. Obtaining tattoos or body piercings while residing in the United States to attend Freeman Academy is forbidden.
- I will follow host family/dorm rules regarding curfew, household chores, smoking, drinking, dating or electronic media/computer use.
- I am not allowed to drive a motorized vehicle while enrolled at Freeman Academy.

4. Academic Ability:

- Students must have at least a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), or its academic equivalent under the grading system in use in the student's native country. In the event a student has less than a "B" average, acceptance of such student by Freeman Academy will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

5. Reasons for Dismissal:

- Grades lower than a "C" average at Freeman Academy.
- Poor attendance.
- Breaking school rules.
- Breaking rules outlined in this Freeman Academy International Student Policy document.
- Breaking dorm rules.

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6. English Proficiency:

- An English proficiency test will determine if ESL tutoring services are needed.
- ESL tutoring assistance maybe available for a fee if I need additional tutoring beyond what occurs during school hours.
- A minimum SLEP (Secondary Level English Proficiency Test) score of 50 is desired. A score less than 50 will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

7. Maturity:

- I will provide written verification, through the forms provided by Freeman Academy, from my school's officials that I am emotionally and intellectually mature, am of good character and ability and can derive benefit from the private high school experience.

8. Incidental Costs:

- \$100 - \$200 (U.S. currency) per month for personal and miscellaneous expenses.
- An additional \$300 - \$500 (U.S. currency) should be set aside for special school and student activities.

9. Arrival/Departure:

- I will have in my possession at the start of this program a pre-paid airline ticket for return to my native country. I will provide Freeman Academy with the arrival date and time as well as the departure date and time. I am expected to return home within three days after school has ended. Exceptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

10. Application Process:

- I will provide Freeman Academy with a copy of my application form along with a recent photograph, an English translation of my high school transcript, an English translation of my immunization and health record, a signed Freeman Academy Parental Permission Form, and any other documents required by Freeman Academy. I understand that I must have all immunizations required for admission into South Dakota High Schools.

11. Accident and Medical Insurance:

- I will provide proof of accident and medical insurance. If I arrive without such coverage, Freeman Academy will arrange for such coverage through a local agent at my expense. The deductible or non-covered costs will be wholly paid by me and/or my family. The policy arranged through Freeman Academy costs approximately \$650.00 for a 9 month school year.

12. Payment

- Full payment of tuition will be made to Freeman Academy in the form of a cashier's check, a certified check, or funds wired directly into Freeman Academy's designated account for the amount specified and agreed upon between Freeman Academy and myself prior to the issuance of an I-20 form by Freeman Academy and/or prior to my arrival.

13. Refunds:

- In the event I terminate my attendance at Freeman Academy for any reason or I am requested to terminate my attendance at Freeman Academy for any reason, Freeman Academy will refund one-half (1/2) of the payment if such termination occurs within thirty (30) calendar days after my arrival. No refunds will be made in the event such termination occurs after thirty (30) calendar days.
- Cancellation following the issuance of an I-20 form, but prior to my arrival requires a \$500 non-refundable, administrative fee. If I am denied an F-1 visa by the US consulate, I am required to only pay a \$100 nonrefundable, administrative fee instead of the above mentioned cancellation fee of \$500.

14. Outstanding Debts:

- Freeman Academy is not responsible for any outstanding expenses incurred by myself prior to or after my departure from Freeman Academy.

15. Terminations:

- Freeman Academy reserves the right to terminate my enrollment for poor academic performance and/or rule violations and/or when my mental and/or physical health, are in jeopardy. Any such termination will be contingent upon Freeman Academy's reasonably documenting the basis for termination and communicating with all concerned parties.

16. Visitors:

- Visits by my relatives or friends from my home country are permitted no sooner than four weeks prior to the conclusion of the program. Visiting relatives and friends should make arrangements for lodging outside the home of the host family. Exceptions will be determined on a case by case basis.

I understand that I am expected to follow and obey all the terms stated in the Freeman Academy International Student Program Policy. I also understand that if I do not, I may be sent back to my home country, immediately, at my own expense.

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Parent's Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date (Month, Day, Year)

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Translator Signature