

TRAVEL ABROAD BEHAVIOR STANDARDS CONTRACT

Review this document. Place initials before each of the three student conduct statements and submit the signed contract to your program coordinators. Please keep a copy for your records.

I understand that by my participation in this travel abroad program, I represent the Spanish Immersion Madrid Student Exchange group offering me this unique and educational travel experience. I also represent Forest Hills Public Schools Spanish Immersion Program and recognize that along with an opportunity for personal growth and development, I am expected to uphold their tradition of working to further friendships and embrace diversity. My actions reflect not only upon me but on my travel group, my school, my family, my city, and my country. I will be mindful of my actions, manners, speech, and conduct in order to be a positive ambassador as I prepare for the trip, during the full duration of the trip, and also during the U.S. Exchange.

____ I understand I am to extend goodwill, friendship, courtesy, and respect to whomever I meet and share the best of who we are as American citizens. I will be respectful and responsible in all interactions. I will contribute to a positive experience with my host family and fellow travelers by participating and communicating in a responsible, respectful, kind, appreciative, and enthusiastic manner.

____ I will quickly communicate to my leaders regarding any concerns for my wellbeing or safety. I accept the supervision, guidance, and discipline of my leaders who have been carefully selected to ensure a safe and rewarding learning experience.

____ I pledge to refrain from inappropriate behaviors, including but not limited to the examples below.

- Engaging in actions which would bring disfavor upon the program.
- Engaging in actions which violate the current Forest Hills Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct, such as:
 - use, possession of, or being under the influence of alcohol;
 - use, possession of, or being under the influence of a controlled substance (other than as prescribed by a physician);
 - use or possession of tobacco or tobacco-related products.
- Engaging in actions which violate the trip rules and/or participation protocols, including but not limited to dress code, curfew, and electronics standards.
- Theft or borrowing without permission (from hotels, host families, fellow travelers, sights, or any other source).
- Engaging in sexual conduct of any kind with others on the trip or in the homestay.
- Engaging in actions before or during the program, which would be deemed misdemeanors and/or felonies under the criminal code.

Consequences for Infraction – Depending on severity, consequences will vary. Some examples are as follows:

- Verbal Warning
- Documenting incident report for behavior
- Calling parents/guardians at the expense of the delegate/participant to report/discuss behavior
- For serious or chronic misbehavior, a student may be dismissed from the program and returned home at the parents'/guardians' expense. This expense may include the cost of a round-trip ticket for a leader to accompany the student or for a family member to come get their student.

This list does not imply a progression of consequences. If a very serious or dangerous infraction occurs, in the judgment of the chaperones, Image Tours, or Liceo leadership, a student may be sent home immediately, even if it is the first violation. If a student engages in an illegal action and legal officials get involved, all costs and consequences will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents/legal guardians.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by this contract. I understand that these Behavior Standards are necessary for my safety, security, and general welfare and those of my fellow travelers and host family. If I fail to follow those agreed-upon standards, I recognize and agree that I am responsible for the consequences.

Student Signature

Print Student Name

Date

I/We have read the Behavior Standards Contract together with our participating student. I/We understand these policies and agree that my son/daughter will be governed by these policies:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Date