
Host Family Interview Protocols • Guidelines for the ASSIST Representative

An in-home interview is required for each prospective Host Family. The interview provides the school the opportunity to understand the family's home and life, to learn more about the family, and to share the expectations of both the school and the ASSIST program.

The interview must take place in the family's home, prior to the student's arrival. It is important at that time to meet all members of the family, pets included. Topics to cover during your Host Family Interview might include:

- Why are you interested in hosting an exchange student, what are your expectations, and what do you hope to gain from your hosting experience?
- Who lives in the home, and what are the ages and genders of the children? Any pets?
- Where will the student sleep and study? (own room or share)
- How is transportation to school handled? (family, car pools, neighbors, public transportation, within walking distance)
- What is a typical daily/weekend schedule for the family? (church, community, leisure)
- What are the expectations for the family in terms of rules and regulations? How are decisions made?

Remind the family that they will need to submit two recommendations in support of their candidacy. Online recommendations are submitted directly to ASSIST. The Family will need to agree to a criminal background checks for all adults 18 and older living in the household, or anyone who will turn 18 during the hosting year.

Please use the link below to complete the in-home interview report:

https://assist.formstack.com/forms/host_family_interview_form