



AFS INTERCULTURA SPAIN RULES and RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOSTED STUDENTS

You and your parents have signed the AFS participation agreement whereby you have agreed to follow **the Laws of Spain, the AFS Rules and Responsibilities, the School Responsibilities** and your **Host family Rules and Responsibilities**. Failure to comply with these rules, laws and responsibilities may jeopardize your continuation on the program.

AFS Rules and Responsibilities:

- ❖ The Golden Rules
 - **Do not drive a car or other motorized vehicles.**
 - **Do not hitch-hike.**
 - **Do not use or possess any illegal drugs:**

It is forbidden for all AFS participants to consume drugs except those prescribed for medical purposes. Explicit violation of this rule is cause for dismissal from the program and immediate return to the home country. You should remember this whenever you find yourself in a situation where illegal substances are being used. **Be aware that use of alcohol is forbidden by law for minors under 18.**

The early return of the participant also applies to situations when s/he is *involved* with drugs. It is important to understand that *involvement* not only means actually using drugs, but also having drug paraphernalia in personal possession, frequenting places where drugs are used or knowingly associating with persons using these substances, etc.

For the reasons above, AFS recommends that you find out a little about the event (rock concert, party, etc) you are interested in going to. Usually your host sibling, parents, friends or teachers at school can give information about the event and the people expected to attend. It is also important that you respect your host parents advice regarding your participation in the event, even if others you know are going.

- ❖ Related to Trips and Visits:

AFS is not a tourism program. There are rules regarding the trips

WHAT'S A TRAVEL WAIVER?

- It is a document that AFS Spain send to AFS in your country, specifying the place and the dates of the trip in order your natural family sign it in agreement.
- You, your host family or your tutor should send an email to the AFS Intercultura's office with all the information related to the trip you want to do

Travelling with the host family, the school or AFS

- It is not necessary to ask for a Travel Waiver except if you travel out of Spain
- If you plan to travel out of Spain you should ask the Travel Waiver at least 10 days before the trip.
- Travelling to France, Portugal, Andorra or Gibraltar is not necessary to have a Travel Waiver because you natural parent have already signed it.

Independent Trips

- It is always necessary to ask for a Travel Waiver
- You can only travel independently after February the 1st
- You have to ask the Travel Waiver at least 10 days before the trip
- You can't miss classes
- Your host family as well as your tutor must agree with the trip.
- Staying in hostels or hotels is not allowed except if you travel with an adult authorized by AFS
- Trips out of Spain will be evaluated case by case

Have in mind!!!

- Don't buy the transport tickets BEFORE you have the permission
- Staying one night at a friend's house in the same community IS NOT considered an independent travel as long as your hostfamily agrees

Family or friends' visits

- If you family or friends plan to visit you, they have to consult AFS office in your country
- Visits will only be authorized:
 - after February 1st
 - If host family and tutor agree with it.
 - If you don't miss school
 - If there is an AFS mandatory activity

Staying in Spain after the program

Students can stay in Spain after the end of the program ONLY if their parents come to pick the student up the last day of the program.

School Responsibility

You are participating in a school program. So, you have to:

- Complete the course according to the school level in your country
- Do the homework and exams proposed
- Participate actively in class
- Attend school full time and not skip any classes without a justified reason. In the case of any student not attending school properly AFS Intercultura Spain will request an early return to the home country.

Rules and Obligations with your host family

AFS programs are also Family programs. So, AFs participants must:

- Try to be one more member of the family, communicating and interacting with all the family members
- follow the rules of the host family related to curfews, cooperation in house chores, studies and free time.