DANGEROUS AND RISKY ACTIVITIES – GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS, HOST FAMILIES AND LOCAL COORDINATORS

The health, safety, and well-being of each exchange participant is paramount to the U.S. Department of State. This document provides additional clarification for students, host families, and local coordinators of the policies set by the Department of State to keep students safe during their stay in the United States.

Dangerous/Risky Activities: Participants are not permitted to engage in any activities not covered by program or supplemental medical insurance. The following activities have been determined by most insurance companies to be risky, and treatment for injuries sustained while participating in them is not likely to be covered by insurance: driving any motorized vehicle (such as a car, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, etc.), riding as a passenger in off-road vehicles or in a non-commercial aircraft, hang gliding, bungee jumping, jumping on a trampoline, parachute jumping, parasailing, scuba diving, mountain biking, mountaineering, rock climbing, skate boarding, extreme sports, and handling or using a firearm or other weapon. In addition, participants are not permitted to engage in any activities prohibited by their Placement Organization, even if the activity is covered by insurance.

Driving: Exchange students are not permitted to drive any motorized vehicle under any circumstances while participating in the Program in the United States. Violators of this policy will be considered for Program dismissal. This applies even if students are in possession of an international driver's license or if the host family feels that the student is a responsible and careful driver. Exceptions may be granted for farm equipment if allowed by the student's natural parents and Placement Organization. If authorized, the student must observe precautions regarding safety and legal limitations. Exchange students are not permitted to pilot any aircraft under any circumstances while participating in the Program.