



Program Rules

Pan Atlantic High School in America Program Rules

1. Obey the U.S Department of State Secondary School Student and J1 Exchange visitor regulations.
2. Students may not have previously participated in an academic year or semester high school program in the U.S. in either the J-1 or F-1 category.
3. Students holding a U.S passport or dual citizenship are not eligible for the J1 Secondary School Program.
4. Each student's primary intention for participation in the program is evaluated during the application process. It must be determined that the primary reason for program participation is cultural rather than academic, and that primary goals do not include graduation from an American high school or enrollment in an American college or university.
5. Abide by the federal, state, and local laws of the United States, the state in which you are placed, and your local community. Laws include but are not limited to the prohibition of consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21, and the use or possession of illegal drugs. These laws may also include state specific laws on sexual conduct, local curfews, loitering laws, etc. It is your responsibility to know these laws. Being from a different country with different laws will not prevent you from the serious punishment that could result from violating the law. In the event of a violation of the law, Pan Atlantic Foundation is unable to provide legal counsel. Further, violating the law could jeopardize your future visa status.
6. Accept placement with a family of any race, creed, or ethnicity. Live as a member of your host family, respect your host family and their rules and customs, and accept the responsibilities given to you. Pan Atlantic, at its sole discretion, is responsible for choosing a student's host family placement.
7. Pan Atlantic Foundation will place each student in home that is determined to be appropriate for student well-being, health and safety. Each student must take responsibility for their personal health and safety needs when agreeing to be placed by Pan Atlantic Foundation. Students with any health condition that would create a risk of injury, sickness or any other risk on program should not participate in an exchange program. Any pre-existing personal health condition of this nature that is not disclosed in the application process but is discovered while on program will be subject to dismissal at the discretion of Pan Atlantic Foundation. Students with any life threatening medical conditions, mental illness, eating disorder or self-endangering activity may be dismissed from the program at the discretion of Pan Atlantic.



8. Pan Atlantic Foundation will place you at an accredited high school to participate in a full course of study. In order to maintain school placement, students must adhere to the host school's code of conduct and policies, as well as the school's policy on determining a grade level, and whether or not the student will be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony or receive a high school diploma. Please note school policies on homework and attendance may differ from those in your home country.
9. Pan Atlantic Foundation students must maintain a C+ overall semester/trimester average or greater in all academic courses at the host high school, as well as a C+ average or greater in each individual course, academic or otherwise. Courses must include English (other than English as a second language), history, and two other academic courses to fulfill the requirement for a "full course of study".
10. Travel is permitted only with adult members of the host family, the Area Representative, or official school or group organized trips. Students must obtain written permission from Pan Atlantic Foundation prior to booking any flights and/or if any travel results in a school absence exceeding one day. Pan Atlantic must approve any visits from the natural family prior to travel arrangements made/flights purchased. Natural family visits are not permitted during Christmas vacation week. Travel to your home country in the event of emergency must be approved by Pan Atlantic. Visits from friends overseas during program year are not permitted.
11. Driving is permitted with the instructor of an official driver's education course and only during class hours. This is solely for the purpose of obtaining a driving license and does not allow the student to drive after a license is obtained. Driving outside of the driver's education course is prohibited.
12. Students must have access to \$200 per month to cover personal expenses. Money should never be exchanged between the student and host family for the purposes of borrowing or lending money. Any student being asked by any host family member to borrow money, or any host family member being asked by the student to borrow money, should report this incident to Pan Atlantic Foundation immediately. Regulation prohibits any payment whatsoever being made to families hosting J1 Visa students.
13. Students should not smoke. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.
14. Participation in extracurricular activities or athletics is never guaranteed. Placements may not be rejected or changed based on access to a particular sport or activity.
15. Employment is not allowed on either a full or part-time basis while in the J-I visa high school program. However, students may accept sporadic or intermittent employment such as babysitting or yard work.



16. Students are required to complete a minimum of 8 hours of community service per semester.
17. Students arriving on program pregnant or becoming pregnant on program will be dismissed from the program.
18. Life decisions including but not limited to marriage, changing religion, renunciation of citizenship, or physical alterations such as tattoos, body piercings or cosmetic surgery, are not permitted on program.
19. Students must demonstrate maturity and good character in their application as well as on program. Students shall refrain from any form of sexual harassment, bullying, cyber-bullying, or hate crimes. In addition, students shall refrain from any other conduct likely to bring the U.S. Department of State or Pan Atlantic Foundation into notoriety or disrepute.
20. Photos, comments, and content posted on social media that depicts or describes a violation of program rules or U.S. Department of State regulations may result in student dismissal.
21. Costs incurred from student moves that are a direct result from failure to abide by the above listed rules will be the responsibility of the natural parents or guardian.
22. Students determined to be in need of academic tutoring will be required to pay for the associated fees.
23. Students are required to maintain contact with their Area Representative on a monthly basis and are responsible for returning Area Representative (or any other Pan Atlantic Foundation representatives) phone calls or emails within 48 hours.
24. Pan Atlantic is not acting in the capacity of in loco parentis with respect to the students. Natural parents or guardians still retain all rights and obligations.
25. The program terminates within two weeks after the last day of school, and arrangements must be made to return home within this time.
26. Failure to abide by the above listed rules may result in program dismissal. When a student is dismissed for failure to abide by Pan Atlantic Foundation Program Rules, the natural parent or guardians are responsible for any additional expenses incurred, including adjusted airfare, transportation, accommodations associated with the early return. In the case of early dismissal, program fees will not be reimbursed.
27. Students are required by regulation to report to Pan Atlantic Foundation within ten calendar days if there is any change in his/her telephone number, email address, physical address or site of activity.