



Global Education



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A+ Global Education provides the things that parents want most for their student

SAFE

Student's safety is built on three factors:

1. A safe school, where violence is not tolerated
2. A safe home, where learning is encouraged
3. Safe transportation between home and school. Not a public bus, or a long walk on a crowded road. But transportation to and from school by a caring adult family member



Safety starts when we pick your student up at the airport as they arrive from your home. It continues until we put your student back on the plane to come home to you.

You won't need to worry if your student is getting the right meals, and the right amount of sleep because they are with a family. Your student will be able to concentrate on their education, just like you want them to do

GOOD SCHOOLS

A+ Global Education works with many schools so they can provide the right learning experience for each student. All students are not alike, so we have schools with different skills to offer the student.

Schools cannot be 'ranked' in a list because of these differences. There is no comprehensive list of high schools in the United States which makes one school better than another. So how do you decide which school is right for your student?

Test Scores – The average score that students receive on college entrance tests like the ACT or SAT can tell you the quality of a school program

Advanced Placement Classes and dual credit classes which offer high school and University credit are ways that a school can show that the quality of the instruction is of the highest level.

Specialized classes for students where English is not their first language are another way to value a school.

The location of the school is also important. A place where other businesses and other people do not interfere. A place of peace and calm. A place where learning is the most important goal, and classes are small enough so that the teacher knows every student's name.

A place of complete education. English, math, science, history, art, music, and physical education are all important components of a complete learning environment.

A school that communicates with the parents so that student progress is documented on a regular and frequent basis. Where little problems are not allowed to become big problems.

The graduation rate for a school is important, and how many of those graduates will go on to a college or university as their next destination.



A HOST FAMILY THAT CARES

Your student will spend more time with their host family than they do at school. In fact, more than twice as much time is spent outside of school. So it is important that this part of their life is managed very carefully.



The *A+* host family goes through a careful and complete evaluation and inspection before a student is allowed to live in their home. ◦

The family is expected to treat the student as a family member, not as a hotel guest.

The family is expected to provide guidance both in life skills and educational support so that student success is the outcome.

The family will provide a comfortable place to sleep, good food to eat and an appropriate place to study in a safe neighborhood where students are free to come and go without worry.



THE HOMESTAY MANAGER

A+ Global Education provides a Homestay Manager at each school. The Homestay Manager is involved in the student's life starting when they get off the airplane, and all of the rest of the time the student is in the care of *A+* Global Education.

The Homestay Manager is the coordinator for all of the international students that *A+* enrolls in the school. The Homestay Manager finds and qualifies all host families, determines which family will best suit the student, based on the student profile, and will be continuously involved with student, host family, and the school to ensure student success.

A SPECIAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

With good schools, good host families, and good Homestay Managers, *A+* Global Education can provide your student with an exceptional learning experience.



The Host Family

We believe that our host families are one of the most important parts to our student's success. We look at many factors to make sure each student will be matched with the right family and have a good experience.

All families wishing to host a student must apply to become a host family. We require that each family is educated. This is important if the family is going to assist the student with their school work.

All adults in the household must pass a police background check, just like the school employees.

A family profile must be submitted. It should include:

- ✓ Names, ages and sex of all household members
- ✓ Number, age and sex of students they would like to host
- ✓ Number of bedrooms available
- ✓ Work schedules for both parents
- ✓ Transportation plan for the student
- ✓ Church membership and attendance status
- ✓ All special considerations
- ✓ Vegetarian or other dietary requirements
- ✓ Special needs availability – wheelchairs, etc.
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation.



The home will be inspected and we look for:



- ✓ Appropriate size and location of room
- ✓ A suitable study location and environment
- ✓ Availability of high-speed internet service for the student
- ✓ Evacuation plans posted on all levels for fire and tornado
- ✓ Emergency numbers posted
- ✓ Smoke detectors on all levels

Families must have proof of home and vehicle insurance.

All food, bedding, and laundry services [not including any dry-cleaning needs] will be provided for the student, including daily school lunch.

No one under 18 may drive the vehicle with a student unless the parent is in the front seat. This is discouraged for most instances.

No non-family member may provide on-going transportation for the student without the express knowledge and consent of the host family and *A+* Global Education.

The family will treat the student like one of their members and include them on trips and excursions. The student will be expected to contribute financially if the cost is outside normal living expenses.

The family will take the student shopping so student can purchase necessary personal items.

The family will provide a printer for student to use for school work purposes.



The Homestay Manager – an Advocate for the student

The Homestay Manager serves as the connection point between the host family and the school on behalf of the student. This is an important position so **A+** Global Education has a dedicated Homestay Manager for each school. This person is a part of the school community, and knows the school staff, and generally many of the families with students at the school.



The Homestay Manager works to recruit and qualify host families who are part of the school community, and meet the A+ Host Family guidelines. Parents of private school students are generally better educated, live in better homes, and have better jobs.

The Homestay Manager also organizes social events for the students and their host families to help the students make more American friends, and for the students to relax for a little while.

Each month the Homestay Manager will interview the host family and the student to make sure that everything is going well. They will prepare a report that is then sent to **A+** Administration and the parents. The Homestay Manager is available at any time to help resolve problems. Small cultural misunderstandings can grow larger if they are not resolved quickly. Good communication is very important.



The Homestay Manager also works with the student and the school. The Homestay Manager works with the student and registrar or school counselor to help guide the student in choosing their school classes to reach their educational goals.

During the school year the Homestay Manager monitors the students' grades and helps with any problems. Missing assignments, low homework or test scores are all signs that the student may not be getting a complete understanding of the particular subject.

Homestay Managers can arrange for tutoring, if needed. They help teachers to understand students, and students to understand the teacher's class requirements.

High-quality School

A quality school prepares the students well for University upon graduation. The College Entrance Exam scores earned by the students indicate if the school has been giving the correct information to the student so they can succeed in University.



A+ Global Education schools ALL score higher than the national average for College Entrance Exam scores.

First, **A+** carefully selects schools where the focus is on academic performance. The environment must feature high scholastic standards in order to graduate superior students. Another factor that is considered is the graduation rate, and the number of graduates that move on the college or university afterward.

Second, **A+** looks for what makes a school great. Highly educated instructors, carefully designed and implemented curriculum, and a well-planned school day all contribute to student success.

Third, **A+** looks for what makes a school unique. If the student is to progress to their highest level, the program of the school must be able to support their interests, and challenge their intellect. As students tell us what their goals are, what their hobbies are, and where they have the most interest, we can better match them with a school that will support and encourage them.

Fourth, **A+** also looks to fit the student in a school that also meets the parents' aims for the student. Each parent has a plan for their student, and they need to be assured that the school will help the student meet those expectations.



Fifth, **A+** looks for schools where the graduates have been accepted to a wide range of colleges and universities. This indicates how well the students have been instructed, and if they are appropriately prepared for that next level in their life.

The **A+** School is special. It may be small, or large. It may be located near the city, or out in the country away from the distraction of the higher populations. It may have a lot of international students, or just a few. It will have been operating for a number of years and will have an established record of student success.



The *A+* Global Education Company

A+ Global Education works with over 30 schools.

Sherree Herdman, Chief Executive Officer of *A+* Global Education has over 30 years' experience in Education, including a Masters of Educational Administration degree. She has been principal in 5 different schools, in 4 countries, on two continents.

85% of her teaching experience has been in classrooms with students that spoke more than one language. She has helped established several new schools during her career.



She is trained in remedial reading, and is able to evaluate a student's academic levels very quickly. This is a valuable skill as she interviews students and makes recommendations for their school placement. As the main person who not only interviews the students, but evaluates the schools, her skills are the ones necessary to get the best results.

Her vision is what is making a bright future for many international students.



Krista Mainess, National Homestay Director, has over 25 years' experience in managing large government departments. These have been spread over many cities and states. She understands the need for effective communication, especially considering the distance the student is from their parents most of the time. The *A+* Homestay program is the foundational support program that makes the student's time in school that much more effective. Krista's leadership of the Homestay Managers is what makes the program so successful.

A+ Global Education Services

at a glance

A+ helps the family find the right school for the student before they register

A+ helps the student apply for enrollment into the school

A+ has people to help the family with all of the paperwork and forms that must be completed

A+ finds the right host family for the student once they have been accepted into a school

A+ arranges pick up for the student at the airport and takes them to their host family

A+ Homestay Manager will give the student an orientation tour of the area including the school

A+ purchases medical insurance for the student

A+ Host Family will provide:

- ✓ transportation to and from school, including any extracurricular activities
- ✓ 3 meals each day
- ✓ A comfortable place to sleep
- ✓ High-speed internet service at home
- ✓ A good place to study
- ✓ A printer for use by the student
- ✓ Transportation to local stores for shopping
- ✓ Assistance with school work
- ✓ Laundry services

A+ Homestay Manager will:

- ✓ Arrange for airport pick-up and drop-off
- ✓ Interview the host family and student every month to help identify any problems and then help
- ✓ solve those problems with the student and host family
- ✓ Monitor student's grade reports to make sure student performance is high
- ✓ Work with student during the school year to resolve any issues at school or home
- ✓ Work to find private tutoring if student performance is low
- ✓ Organize social events during the school year
- ✓ Make sure the student receives medical care if it is needed