



Welcome Fairmont Preparatory Student!

Welcome to Fairmont's exclusive homestay partner, Global Bridge Associates. We are happy to have you and we look forward to meeting you! As you prepare for your arrival, we are pleased to inform you that we have selected a host family for you. I have attached the family profile with details about their household as well as photos of their home, family members and pets. We understand the importance of establishing a strong connection and ensuring compatibility between both parties. To facilitate this process, we are more than happy to arrange a virtual meeting at your convenience, allowing an opportunity for both your family and the potential host family to meet and get to know each other better.

Please let us know if you would like for us to arrange your virtual meeting and also send us your availability. We will coordinate with the potential host family to set up a Zoom call that suits everyone's schedule. Our aim is to make this interaction as convenient and comfortable as possible for all involved.

**\*\*\*If you are a returning student, you will still need to sign the student handbook, the Rideshare form and follow the new bell schedule. Additional forms may follow.\*\*\***

I have attached some important information. Please read it carefully and respond accordingly to our requirements. We will need the following information prior to your arrival:

- Send an email response confirming the host family placement within 3 days of receiving this email
- Please send us your flight itinerary information and if you will be accompanied by any relatives, please let us know who will be traveling with you
- **If you need airport pick up please, let us know on the response email (NOTE: we only arrange transportation for the student) Generally, all other airport drop offs of pick-ups are not covered by GBA throughout the student's ten month stay, however, it is also up to the discretion of the homestay.**
- Prior to your arrival, you must read and understand the student handbook make sure you sign it and keep a copy for yourself (this handbook should be shared with your parents) <https://gba-us.com/fairmont-student-homestay-handbook/>



- All students and host family placements will have a 30 day probationary period. (during this time you and your host family get to know each other and build a comfortable relationship).
- Parents MUST sign the attached optional transportation form which allows their son/daughter to take Uber, Lyft or any other form of transportation outside the homestay.(Rideshare waiver attached here).
- Flexible Stay Duration: Homestays can accommodate short-term or long-term stays.

**Other School information: (this information will also be emailed to you by the school)**

- **New International Student Orientation:** for Fall '24-25" is from August 5, 2024 to August 9, 2024 (more details to follow and will be sent by the school).
- **Food Services.** NIBLL is the lunch catering company for all our Fairmont campuses minus the North Tustin campus (North Tustin utilizes Choice Lunch).
- **School uniforms:** (depending on the campus your student is attending).

**DENNIS UNIFORM ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS — YOU MAY SHOP IN-STORE OR ONLINE.**

Enter your School Name or Code at [dennisuniform.com](https://dennisuniform.com)

- Fairmont Schools JK-8 School Code: AN00FM
- Fairmont Preparatory Academy School Code: AN00FE
- Fairmont Schools San Juan Capistrano, Grades 9 - 12 School Code: AN00FS

**FOR IN-STORE SHOPPING**

- VISIT YOUR DENNIS STORE FOR FAIRMONT SCHOOLS JK-8 SCHOOL UNIFORMS
- **Yorba Linda Store:** 22825 Savi Ranch Pkwy | Yorba Linda, CA 92887 | (714) 637-8928
- **Mission Viejo Store:** 23322 Madero Ste B | Mission Viejo, CA 92691 | (949) 458-0014
- **STORE HOURS** Monday–Wednesday 10 am–5pm | Saturday 10 am–2 pm.

Here are the common features that are included in your homestay:

- **Private Furnished Room** - Students will have their own private bedroom with a bed, dresser or closet, bedding (sheets, pillows & blankets), proper lighting, desk and internet.
- **Safety and Security:** Homestays will provide a safe and secure environment for students.
- **Meals** - Breakfast and dinner are provided during the week and three meals during the weekend (snacks are always available and you are welcome to ask your host family for additional servings).
- **Shared Spaces:** While students have a private room, they often share common areas such as the living room, kitchen, and bathroom with the host and possibly other guests.
- **Local Guidance:** Hosts may provide information about the local area, including the best places to visit, transportation options, and cultural events.
- **Language Practice:** For guests learning a new language, a homestay can offer the chance to practice with native speakers in a natural setting.
- **Cultural Exchange:** One of the main advantages of a homestay is the opportunity for cultural exchange. Hosts may share information about local customs, traditions, and lifestyle.
- **Laundry Facilities:** Access to laundry facilities for students (hosts will also teach students how to do their laundry).
- **Wi-Fi:** Access to the internet is included, allowing students to do their school work, stay connected with family and friends.
- **Airport Transfers:** Host and the homestay agency will offer airport pick-up or drop-off services.
- **Flexible Stay Duration:** Homestays can accommodate short-term or long-term stays.
- **Cordial Environment:** Homestays will aim to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for students, making them feel like part of the family.
- **Change of homestay:** We provide one complimentary change of homestay throughout the school year. There has to be a legitimate reason for the move and must be approved by GBA and the school. (note: changing homestays to be with a friend is not a legitimate reason)
- **Illnesses that cause excessive burden on the host family:** There will be an additional monthly charge in the event a host parent needs to provide extra time and/or transportation to students with any chronic or serious illnesses.

We thank you for choosing Global Bridge And Associates and Fairmont Schools with your education, enrichment and homestay needs...

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Kindest Regards,

