



AFS Intercultural Programs Thailand

Rules and Responsibilities for School-Based Hosted Participants

Following is the AFS Participation Agreement whereby you have agreed to follow the AFS International rules, AFS Thailand Rules AFS Thailand Travel Policies, Host Family Responsibilities, School Responsibilities.

1. AFS International Rules

1.1 No Driving

All AFS participants are forbidden to drive any motorized vehicle. Also, you cannot fly privately licensed aircraft as a passenger without written authorization from your natural parents.

1.2 No Illegal Drugs

Do not get involve with any illegal drugs such as marijuana or any non-prescribed drugs. The penalties under Thai law for the use or possessions of illegal drugs are very severe compared with those of other countries, and include imprisonment and deportation in the case of a foreign nationality. If you are found involved in illegal drugs in any ways, AFS will send you home immediately.

1.3 No Hitchhiking

2. AFS Thailand Rules

2.1 Legal issue

All participants are subjected to the laws of hosting country and community; neither AFS nor the national government of the participant's citizenship has the ability to protect an AFS student from punishment with respect to involvement with illegal substances or any other illegal activities.

2.2 No Drinking Alcohols

In Thailand, it is illegal for people under 20 years of age to drink/buy alcoholic beverages. You may see some teenagers drinking, but it does not mean that you can break the laws. If AFS Thailand has received a report of you drinking alcohol, AFS Thailand has the right to decide if the second chance should be given or sending you home (Early Return) as a consequence.

2.3 No Smoking

In Thailand, it is illegal for people under 20 years of age to smoke/buy cigarette or any tobacco (including hookah/shisha/baragu). **If it is mentioned in your application that you will not smoke during**

the program, it means that you must not smoke during the program. If AFS Thailand has received a report of you smoking, AFS Thailand has the right to decide if the second chance should be given or sending you home (Early Return) as a consequence.

3. AFS Thailand Travel Policies

All the travel plan must follow AFS Thailand Rules.

- ✓ *All the travel plan must be agreed by the host family, school contact persons and AFS Thailand.*
- ✓ *All the travel plan must not interfere with host family's plan which have been made previously.*
- ✓ *All the travel plan must not interfere with AFS THA mandatory activities/ camp such as arrival orientation, cultural orientation, enrichment camp/mid-stay orientation and end of stay.*
- ✓ *All the travel plan must not interfere to school attendance and activities*
- ✓ *All the travel plan must not interfere participant's adjustment. If the participant still has some difficulties with host family or school, the trip can be refused.*

Following are the travel options which you can do during the program;

3.1 Domestic Travel with Host Family is allowed during holidays and never during school time. If more than 3 days, you must give details to AFS Thailand.

3.2 Domestic Travel with Host School Trip is allowed. You need permission of your host family. AFS does not reimburse costs of school trips, it is your own responsibility. If more than 3 days, you must give details to AFS Thailand.

Traveling with an AFS unaffiliated person at school, it must be approved by school contact person.

3.3 Abroad Travel is allowed only accompany by host family, host school and your contact persons. Host family or school contact person must give details (travel plan; place to stay, contact number, etc.) with AFS Thailand travel form and submitted to AFS Thailand at least 3 weeks in advance, then AFS Thailand will work with AFS partners to get the program waiver form signed by your natural parents.

3.4 NO Traveling Independently – AFS Thailand does not allow you to travel on your own or with other AFS participants even during school holidays.

AFS Thailand only allows you to travel with your host family, your host school, your contact persons, or an adult with age over 22 years old who is trusted and approved by your host family, your contact persons and AFS THA (you must give the full details and contact info to AFS Thailand national office! 3 weeks prior to the travel plan.)

3.5 Traveling with AFS Optional Activities such as joining massage course, meditation camp or other optional trips arranged by AFS Thailand or an AFS affiliated organization (hosting centers, chapters, host school, etc) or becoming a Buddhist novice/nun etc. In these cases, AFS Thailand needs permission from your host family, contact persons and natural parents. The request needs to arrive at the national office at least 3 weeks before your proposed travel. AFS Thailand reserves the right to refuse the permission for optional activities. You cannot be absent from school for the purpose of optional activities.

3.6 Visit from Natural Family, Relatives and Friends (Domestic Travel Only)

AFS strongly discourages the visit from natural family, relatives, and friends because it can be very disruptive; visitors not only distract the participants from their commitment to a new life, but also impose new responsibilities on the host families and local support structure. The act also adds tension to other participants and host families in the local chapter. The visit from natural family, relatives, and friends without prior consent from the AFS office in the hosting country is not permitted. Travel with your natural family, relatives, or friends from home is only permitted with the permission from host family and AFS Thailand. Program Waiver form must be submitted during the visit period.

AFS participants who would like to join friend's natural family visit, must follow AFS procedures needed above and ask permission from AFS Thailand national office, also the Program Waiver form must be signed by your natural parents.

Please note that the visit including the relatives or friends of the natural family who lives in Thailand.

Any traveling without permission from AFS Thailand will cause the participants to the Early Return

4. Host Family Responsibilities

All students must try hard to be a member of their host family, communicating and interacting with them, and following the host family rules. In case any student does not adjust or try to adjust, AFS Thailand will make a decision whether to give a second chance with the support agreement or send the student home (Early Return).

5. School Responsibilities

5.1 All AFS students must start and complete the school year according to the academic and disciplinary system of the respective high school.

5.2 Student must complete at least 80% of each class, and must participate in every of them in order to receive a school completion letter/certificate or transcript. School has right to decide whether to give student such documents or an additional assignment has to be made up.

5.3 According to the school rules, students must wear a proper school uniform: no any accessory such as ring, bracelet/bangle, fashionable necklace or fashionable earrings, no any tattoo, no makeup, no unnatural dye hair, no nail polish, etc. Please note that having tattoo during the program can cause a negative AFS reputation as well as it is not allowed in school.

5.4 In case any student does not attend school properly, AFS Thailand will make a decision whether to give a second chance with support agreement or send the student home (Early Return).

6. Program Release

AFS Thailand does not allow the school-based program participants to stay after the program finish unless the natural parents visit at/during the period of the end of the program. Program release can be requested through the natural parents contact AFS partners to obtain officially permission then inform AFS Thailand.

*If the participants break the rules, it may cause to the Early Return
so the participants must not receive any certificate or transcript
from the host school or AFS Thailand without any objection.*

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Name : _____ Country : _____