



## Chinese American Schools – Alameda

*“Bridge the Nations... Better the World”*

### STUDENT HOUSING OPTIONS

Finding the right school is only half of the equation for the foreign student. Finding the right living conditions is just as important in order to ensure success in high school and a positive learning experience. At Chinese American Schools, we realize the importance of having the right living conditions and the right people available to provide love, support, and care. We are ready to not only provide a “home away from home,” but a “family away from family.”

To ensure that students are cared for responsibly and supervised, we require all students to live with an approved guardian who will take personal responsibility for that child’s welfare, academics, and matter. Students and their families are free to make their own arrangements if they have relatives or close family friends who are willing to serve as guardians. If there is no such individual, there are two options:

#### **HOST FAMILIES**

Families that are part of the CCS community have applied to serve as a host family and have been screened by our student services department. Host families receive training on how to work with cross-cultural students and their homes and family members have been screened to insure the student will have a loving and supportive family environment. Students may choose the host family they wish to live with, and the student services staff will assist in making the appropriate selection.

Students that are interested in a host family arrangement will fill out an application and meet with student services staff. Suitable host families will be selected and there will be an opportunity to discuss living arrangements, lifestyles, meal preferences, etc., until both sides feel comfortable with the arrangement.

#### **HOUSE FAMILIES**

The Student Services department is obtaining homes where 6-10 students of the same gender can live comfortably together along with a house parent. Students will live two per room and enjoy the benefit of living with other students while being supervised by a carefully screened and selected house parent. Students will learn to live together and cooperate with one another as they share some of the household duties as well as help one another with schoolwork.