Agreements between Student, Family, and UDEM

Rules and Expectations for Exchange Students
The following rules and expectations must be understood, accepted, and followed by all students and their parents to help ensure and protect the well-being of everyone involved in the program, avoid misunderstandings, and meet the goals of international student exchange. Breaking any of the rules or disregarding any of the expectations can result in immediate termination of the student’s program at the expense of the student and his/her parents.

Expectations:

A. Clear Communication
Students are expected to focus their attention on nurturing positive relationships with their host families. Students contacting friends and family members in their home country to discuss or solve problems (before communicating these problems clearly to their host family and International Office UDEM), as well as students’ natural parents contacting directly the host family, school personnel or (before communicating and discussing these problems clearly with International Office UDEM) is unacceptable, can lead to major misunderstandings and ultimately to termination of the program. In other words student need to contact International Office UDEM FIRST and follow further instructions.

B. Adapting to the New Home
Students must realize that their host family and UDEM is used to doing things differently from their family and school at home. Therefore, it is essential that students commit themselves to open communication and to understanding and accepting a different way of life, and attempt to successfully integrate themselves into their host family, school, and community. Tolerance and a willingness to learn are required of all students.

C. Participating in Family, School, and Community Activities
Exchange students are expected to choose a full load of challenging school classes, to do their best in all of their classes, as well as to participate actively and express an interest in host family, school, and community activities. This includes completing all school assignments, participating in school clubs and teams, doing chores at home, and taking part in family events.

D. Standard of Conduct
All students are expected to follow all UDEM and individual host family rules, to obey the law, and to maintain a high standard of conduct and respectful behavior during their exchange. Participants should understand and accept their immediate program termination if they exhibit unreasonable or disrespectful behavior and/or attitudes.

E. Importance of Following Rules
IMPORTANT: Students who break a rule or the law endanger themselves and others and jeopardize their and other students’ participation in the exchange program. Following all rules reflects respect for the host culture and helps ensure a safe and enjoyable exchange experience for everyone. Violation of any rule or regulation of the host country and/or UDEM, host family or school rule constitutes sufficient grounds for immediate termination of the exchange program. In such a case, the student will be sent home immediately at the expense of his/her family.

F. Diploma, Grade Level, and Sport Participation
Students should not expect to graduate, receive a diploma, be placed at a particular grade level or participate in sports at the host school. Most schools allow students to attempt to be accepted in a sports team, but will NOT allow students to graduate.

G. Academic Records
IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO:
• Research in advance of the exchange program whether they need to complete any coursework (credits), other academic work or take exams during the exchange program (e.g. for their home school or university admission).
• Prepare in advance of the program for the possibility that the student may not be able to complete the desired or necessary coursework, other academic work, or take any required tests during the program.
• Determine in advance of the program what documentation of coursework, other academic work or exams taken during the program they may need in the future (e.g. to receive credit at their home school, apply for university, etc).
• Obtain directly from the host school or test administrator any documentation of their coursework, other academic work or tests that may need in the future.

UDEM Program Rules:
1. Illegal drugs, alcohol, and association with anyone illegally involved with these are strictly prohibited for students at UDEM.
2. Smoking is strictly prohibited for all students at UDEM.
3. Students must ask for and receive approval for all extracurricular activities from the host family prior to participation, and must always tell the host family where they are, who they are with, and when they will return home.
4. Students are required to attend school full-time on every school day, take a full load of challenging classes, and maintain the equivalent of a “C” or better grade in each class.
5. Students skipping school, maintaining unacceptable academic standards or grades, or requiring excessive disciplinary measures will be subject to immediate termination of their program and return to their home at their and their family’s expense.
6. No travel is allowed during the exchange program without prior written and/or verbal agreement with UDEM, the host family, and the natural family. Students may travel only with proper adult supervision (e.g. by participating in a trip with their host parents).
7. Students are not allowed to work at a regular job during their exchange.
8. The student and host family should discuss and agree upon a time limit regarding the use of the computer including Internet and e-mail. Students shall not visit pornographic or other inappropriate websites or chat rooms.
9. Host and natural parents should at all times adhere to UDEM rules and expectations. They shall at no time inform, misinform, encourage or allow their child to perform actions contrary to UDEM rules and expectations.
10. Students may not for any reason change or plan to change their host family or school without first seeking prior written approval from International Office UDEM. International Office UDEM must have ample time to determine whether a change is necessary, permissible, and conforms to regulations governing exchange students.

**Amendments to UDEM and procedures.** UDEM at any time and at its sole discretion amend its rules and procedures. All students, host families and natural families accept and understand that they shall abide by the amended rules and procedures as well those rules and procedures that remain in force.

*By signing this application I verify that I am agree with and will strictly adhere to the above UDEM rules and expectations as well as those described in other UDEM materials:*

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Student name in print and signature