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## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES CONTRACT**

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International Students are required to abide by United States immigration regulations throughout their stay in the U.S. Listed below are key issues that you need to be aware of while in the U.S. maintaining student immigration status.

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### **Documents**

**Passport:** The passport is the legal document issues by your country of citizenship. It must be kept valid at all times during your stay in the U.S. and must be valid at least six (6) months into the future to re-enter the U.S. or apply for a visa. Passports can be renewed by your home country's embassy or consulate in the U.S.

**I-20 or DS-2019:** The I-20 (for F1 status) or DS-2019 (for J1 status) is the document issued by your school or a sponsoring agency. It must be presented to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad to obtain an entry visa. It also must be presented to immigration officials to enter the U.S. as a student. This form must be valid at all times while you are in the U.S. and must accurately reflect the institution or program of study in which you are enrolled. After your initial entry, a travel signature less than six (6) months old is required in order to re-enter the U.S. as a student.

**I-94 Card:** The I-94 card is the white card issue by the U.S. immigration officials upon entrance into the U.S. It will be stamped with your date and port of entry. Your immigration status and expiration date will also be noted on the card. For F1, the expiration date should be D/S (duration of status), not an actual date. This means that F1 students are permitted to remain in the U.S. as long as they have a valid I-20, are enrolled in the institution and academic program listed on the form, and have otherwise maintained their immigration status.

**Entry Visa:** The U.S. entry visa is a sticker on a page of your passport that permits you to enter the U.S. Students will have either an F1 or J1 entry visa. This is an entry document only and does not state how long you may legally remain in the U.S. The visa may expire while you are in the U.S. A new entry visa will only be required if the original expires and you travel outside the U.S., then wish to re-enter the U.S. as a student.

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### **Enrollment**

International students must be enrolled full-time (4 quarters) in order to maintain his/her immigration status. In order for an International student to be considered for admission into Providence Heights Alpha School, they must be at least 13 years of age.

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### **Address Information**

Students in F1 status must keep permanent and local address information current while in the U.S. For all students, permanent address must be an address in your home country.

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### **Health Insurance Requirements**

Health insurance is required by the Federal Government for F1 status students. All full-time students are required to have health insurance. Providence Heights Alpha School does not sell or provide personal health insurance for illness or medical emergencies.

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***Leaving Providence Heights Alpha School***

Upon completion of your academic program, F1 students have a 60 day grace period to leave the U.S. Students who leave their programs prior to completion are not eligible for the full grace period. Note that once you have completed or terminated your program, or have failed to maintain legal student status, you can no longer legally enter the U.S. with your I-20 or DS-2019 form, and the staff of OIE can no longer sign these forms. Providence Heights Alpha School must be notified of any change in financial status, need to extend student's stay, or need to travel outside of the U.S.

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*I have read the above information and understand my responsibilities as an international student studying in the United States at Providence Heights Alpha School. My signature hereby confirms that I will follow all regulations as an international student while studying in the United States. If I should neglect to follow any regulations, I understand that my term at Providence Heights Alpha School may be subject to termination and that Providence Heights Alpha School is not responsible or obligated to refund any fees paid.*

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Student/Applicant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date