

WILL STUDENTS SPEAK ENGLISH?

YES. All YES students have passed oral and written English assessments.

HOW OLD ARE THE STUDENTS?

All students are **15-18 years old** during their time in the U.S.

HOW ARE EXPENSES COVERED?

Host families are volunteers and are not paid to host a student. However, all host families will receive **\$300** to cover school/activities fees and supplies. Students also receive **\$125/month** to cover personal expenses. Students also have health insurance.

WHY SHOULD I HOST WITH IRIS?

IRIS is an **Iowa-based non profit organization**, serving Iowans and placing students with Iowa families. We believe working locally is in everyone's best interest. **All coordinators are within driving distance of our host families and students.** IRIS has been a founding organization with the YES Program, selecting and placing international students in Iowa homes since **2004**.

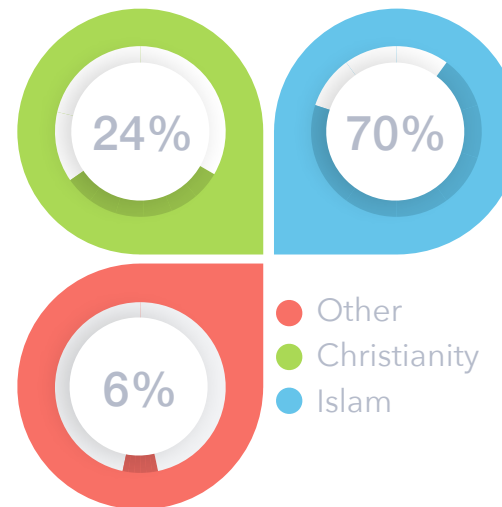
HOW DO I CHOOSE A STUDENT?

IRIS will help you find the right student for your home, but **the sooner you commit**, the more options you will have!

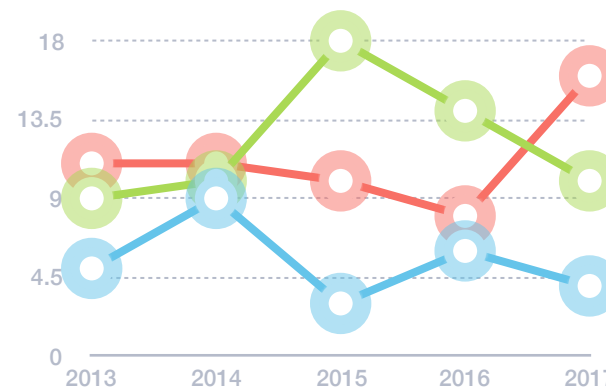
Frequently Asked Questions about Hosting an Exchange Student with



STUDENTS' RELIGIONS



Our students practice from different faiths with varying degrees of devoutness. Hosting a student from a different religion or different denomination can be a fulfilling experience for the whole community. We encourage families to host students from a different religious background; this helps open up dialogues about religious differences and new perspectives and tolerance. It also allows your YES student to learn about shared values and qualities from a religion they aren't familiar with—an important and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of our students!



HOST FAMILY MAKEUP

No two host families look the same!

- Married, no children in the home
- Married, children in the home
- Single