

# GLOBAL ENGLISH HOUSE – YONGDAP PROGRAM GUIDE

## DREAM STARTER PROGRAMS

### First Step Day Program

Students attend for a single day. The program is designed to give lower income students an opportunity to experience GEH. The program includes an art project, a baking activity, a drama role play, and dinner with teachers. Students in this program typically have very low levels of English. The program capacity is 8-12 students, elementary grades 5-6, boys and girls mixed.

### First Step Homestay

Students from the First Step Day Program with higher levels of motivation attend this five day program. The program is similar to an elementary homestay, but contains unique content to accommodate lower English levels. The program capacity is 8-10 students, elementary grades 5-6, boys and girls mixed.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

### Day Trip

Elementary students visit GEH for a maximum of five days but sometimes less depending on the schedule. Activities are centered around team building and partner work. Each day has a special theme with activities based on that theme. It is designed for students who are have lower levels of English. If teachers have concerns about a student who interviews for Elementary Homestay, they will often recommend the student for Day Trip, so that they can evaluate the student in a classroom environment. The program capacity is 8-12 students, elementary grades 5-6, boys and girls mixed.

### Elementary Homestay\*

Elementary students participate for three weeks. Students must do an interview with the teachers before being accepted to the program. The primary focuses for English during homestay are speaking, listening, and writing. Each day students learn a "Word Of the Day" that is related to the day's theme. Themes include cooking, sports, art, science, season-specific holidays, magic, and music. At the end of the day, students write a response to a prompt in their English journals. Elementary students spend the night for the first week only. The program capacity is 8 students, elementary grades 5-6, boys only or girls only.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM:

### Middle Homestay\*

Middle school homestay follows a similar structure to the elementary homestay. In order to account for the higher maturity and English level of the students, most of the learning materials cover more advanced concepts. Students spend the night for three weeks. The program capacity is 8 students, middle school grades 1-2, boys only or girls only.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:

### Global Meeting

These students are part of high school English clubs. The clubs attend two or three Global Meetings during the school day and discuss various topics. Students work in small groups to prepare presentations before coming to GEH, and then share their presentations at the meeting. After the presentations, students have snack together with the teacher. Students can attend this program for two years. The program capacity is 12-16 students, high school grades 1-2, boys and girls mixed.

\* One of the central programs at the Seongdong Global English House in Yongdap is the three-week Homestay Program. The primary goal of the program is to improve student's English speaking abilities. The Homestay Program is unique because it allows students to interact closely with American teachers for an extended amount of time. For three weeks, students practice speaking English naturally in everyday conversation. Outside of class hours, teachers spend time conversing with students about their hobbies and interests, like sports, music, and games. Students are interviewed at the beginning and end of each program to assess their growth in speaking English. These interviews, along with parent and student surveys, as well as anecdotes and other feedback, indicate that the Homestay Program is an effective way to improve English speaking abilities.