

Homestay – Back Bay School

Boston is one of the oldest cities in the US and is also known as ‘America’s Walking City’ with quaint neighbourhoods and most desirable locations. Bostonians come from all over the US and the rest of the world but all of them are American and call Boston home. Our host families reflect this diversity, and also include single people, couples as well as single-parent families. All families are English speaking and eager to share all of Boston’s cultural and traditional aspects with international visitors.

Staying with a local family is both exciting and rewarding. Host families provide the best insight into how an American family leads their life. This interaction with a family helps students communicate better, faster and allows them to pick up words and nuances used in daily situations.

Our host families are located all over the Greater Boston area. On the North Shore we have families in Revere, Winthrop, Marblehead, Swampscott and on the South Shore we have families in Quincy. Families based in the city are in Malden, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plains, Hyde Park, and Dorchester. In the West of the city we have homestays in Newton, Natick, and Wellesley.

Description of Accommodation

There is no typical homestay in Boston. Some homes are single standing homes, apartments or multifamily homes.

Students are placed in a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, closet and waste paper basket. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. Students also have access to a shared bathroom.

Bed linen and towels are provided by the host family. In general, students can use the laundry facilities though number of washes per week remains at the discretion of the family, for example a specific laundry day. Internet access is available and telephone access is restricted to incoming calls only.



Board Status

Half Board (Breakfast and Evening meal)

Emergency Number +1 617-990-4880

Available Throughout the year

Journey to school Our homestays are typically 45 minutes to 1 hour from the Back Bay School. Students utilise public transportation - train, metro and/or bus to get to school.

Boston's public transportation is managed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), commonly referred to as the "T". As you walk through the streets of Boston, you will see a common sign repeated periodically - a white circle with a bold black "T" in the middle. These signs are located at the T's many access points around the city of Boston. The T encompasses four high-speed subway lines (the Red, Orange, Blue and Silver lines) and two trolley lines (the Green line and a streetcar that runs from Ashmont to Mattapan). All of these lines are colour-coded and identified by their colour.

Weekly Metro Pass: \$15 Monthly Metro Pass: \$59 Commuter Train monthly: \$186 Monthly Bus Fare: \$40 unlimited travel on local bus

Arrival and departure Arrival Day: Saturday

Notes

- Internet access
- available No smoking
- Families might have pets. Students should state whether they suffer from any allergies upon
- booking Students will be given a house key