

AFS RULES

- You must not drive **motor vehicles** (cars, trucks, motor bikes, scooters).
- You must not **hitch-hike**.
- You must not take **drugs**. This also includes the use of marihuana or ecstasy.

Students who violate these 3 rules are sent home immediatly!

- **TRAVEL**

Switzerland is not part of the European Union. It lies in your responsibility to apply at the embassy of your travel destination for a Schengen Visa. According to your nationality you may not get permission to travel in those countries. We strongly recommended to stay inside Switzerland for the majority of your trips.

Trips with host family/school/youth organisation:

Trips of several days with a host parent or sibling, school or a youth organisation are allowed. Please inform the AFS office and leave an address where you can be contacted in case of emergency.

Independent travel within Switzerland:

Short trips within Switzerland are allowed provided that the travel plans have been discussed with and approved by your host family.

Independent travel outside of Switzerland:

For all trips without your host family, school or a youth organisation AFS Switzerland will only give permission if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- the trip takes place after the first four months of your stay
- the trip takes place during your school vacation
- your natural parents have given their written consent and sign an official AFS travel waiver
- your host family approves of your travel plans
- AFS Switzerland obtains a travel itinerary
- you stay with **relatives or friends** (no hotel, youth hostel, etc.). Should this not be the case you have to be accompanied by a Swiss adult (over 18). In either case AFS has to know the names, addresses and telefonnumbers.

Important: AFS Switzerland has to be informed of your detailed travel plans (itinerary, addresses, dates, etc.) at least **three weeks in advance** by e-mail, fax or a written letter. The maximum duration of travelling during the whole year is **limited to 21 days**. You have to have the official approval from AFS Switzerland before you travel. A claim to such an approval does not exist.

Students who travel without permission are sent home immediatly!

- For **visits from natural parents, relatives or friends** from home approval from AFS Switzerland is required. Travel with your natural parents, relatives or friends from home (with the exception of day trips) is not permitted during the program.
- You must not apply for any **employment** for which a work permit is needed. You may, however, accept occasional work during your free time such as gardening, baby sitting, etc.
- If you want to make a **program release** to stay longer in Switzerland, you have to mail this request **3 Months before program end** to AFS Office. After this deadline, no request will be accepted!
- **Regular school attendance and active participation in school lessons are mandatory!**

Any student who violates the above rules risks an early return!