

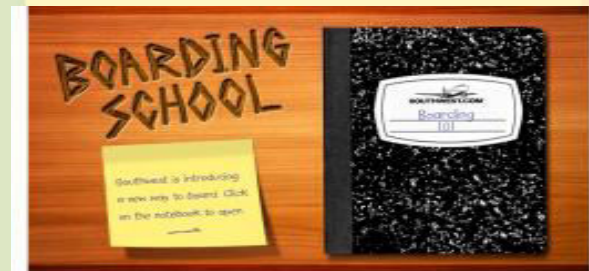


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Sarvaguun Sampann –Holistic Development!!!



People have a stereotypical saying that students who go to boarding schools don't have opportunity to see their family or have family life experience. We are here to share that how going to a boarding high school could be a fantastic opportunity for a student who is ready for it. Taking a lot of little steps towards maturity is one of the intangibles of going to boarding school.

The boarding schools ultimately **connects with our AFS educational goals** and helps in sharing them at **personal** levels while polishing their **interpersonal** skills, which make them mingle well in all possible **cultures** at the same time and hence making them a **global** citizen. Boarding schools are ideal for both local and international students. It provides a valuable platform for students to achieve their potential academically along with providing support and guidance with their psychological, social, emotional and overall development.

The boarding schools cover a great way for students to combine the benefits of a quality education with a supportive and caring residential environment.

Boarding schools offer a wealth of experiences in both learning and living which will do you well in later life. There are many reasons to go to boarding school. The academics, the athletics and the extracurricular activities are just a few considerations.



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You will have Opportunities for High Interest Activities

School offerings include wilderness survival classes, competitive and non-competitive sports, fine arts, outdoor bread baking,, music lessons, and more.

The schools are self sufficient in giving their students exposures on various activities and events like Model United Nations, Youth Parliament and so on.



You will learn a lot in School Culture

Different boarding schools have different cultures—some promote strong work ethic and community service, some breed a strong love of the outdoors, and others value intellectual pursuits above all else along with lots of extracurricular activities for an overall. The momentum of the school community pulls the outliers along and they enthusiastically get with the program. In a boarding school environment, learning is central to all activities – regular hours for classes, homework, and recreation make it easy for students to focus on their studies. Boarding students benefit from greater interaction with their teachers and the experience of learning alongside motivated, like-minded peers.



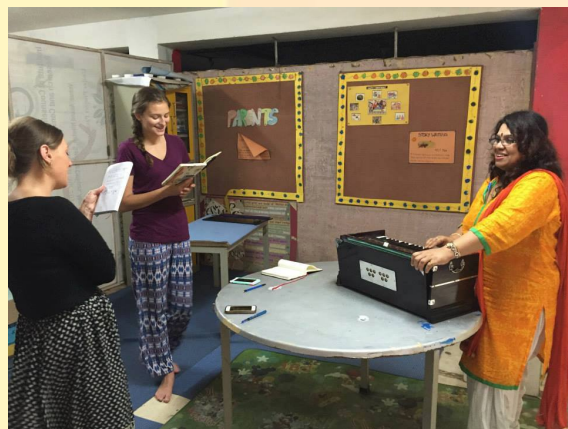
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You will experience Quality of Life

A short walk across the boarding school campus is a welcome change from the lengthy bus ride many special needs students must take to their day schools. In boarding school, therapies are often integrated into the daily routine; while learning to whip up a great dessert, culinary students may be coached in appropriate peer interaction; running for dorm president becomes an activity a dorm parent guides a student through.





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You will have a lot of fun and form intense friendships

Living on campus with your classmates and friends can also be **a lot of fun**; boarding students live within and help to shape a close-knit community. It's common in boarding school for your dorm mates to become your closest friends and support network. The friendships that you make in this environment will be ones you will remember for life.

Friendships bridge all distinctions, endure long after graduation, and **truly span the globe**. It is an experience that provides a strong sense of belonging, a cohesive support network and many incredible memories.

Modern boarding schools offer students opportunities to stretch themselves personally and academically, and gain valuable life experiences that prepare them for the **post-secondary environment and life beyond**.

You will be immersed in learning

Living where you learn offers a unique opportunity to become fully immersed in your educational experience. Boarding schools **offer a balanced program** where school is much more than academics. **Activities and experiences don't end when the school day does**. Clubs, athletics and other extracurricular opportunities are quite literally at your doorstep; you can truly do it all. With each new experience students learn more about themselves, gain confidence in their abilities and often discover interests and talents they never knew they had. It is a great way to learn who you are and what you're good at.

You will have an adventure

The boarding school environment encourages students to step outside their comfort zones. Going to boarding school in itself requires a **willingness to try something new and unfamiliar, and the experience of learning alongside peers** who are also trying new things is invaluable. After school and weekend activities, provide boarding students with diverse experiences and memorable adventures.

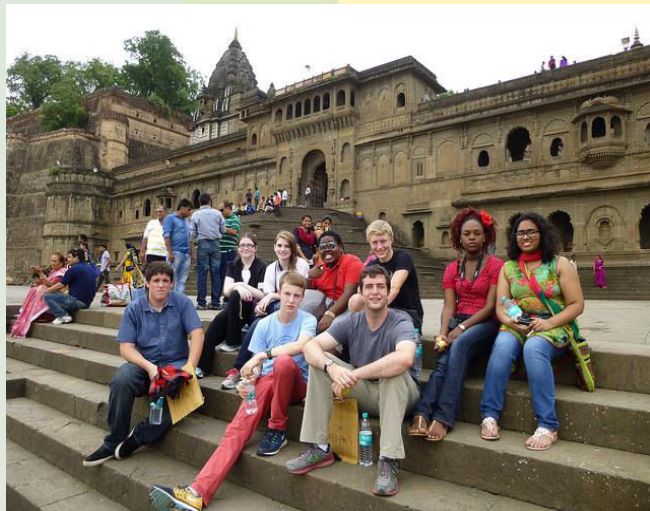


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You will form friendships that span the globe.

In boarding school there are not only the foreign/exchange students but also **native students from Pan India**. Students come together from diverse cultural regions .All boarders gain a **unique diverse cultural and global perspective** through the experience of living and learning with peers from all over the country. They learn about different regions and their respective cultures, and develop tolerance and respect for each other's differences.



You will be prepared to be responsible and leader

Life in residence closely **resembles a post-secondary environment**. The community is smaller and support closer at hand, but boarding students are provided with **many opportunities to take on positions of responsibility and leadership**. The skills and attitudes they develop make the transition to university an easy one. They learn to manage their time and balance their involvement in school life, their free time, and their studies. They develop the ability to work effectively with people who may be different from themselves and to resolve their differences. Boarding students learn a lot about themselves in a safe environment where they can make mistakes and where there is always an adult around to offer advice and support.



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You are able to build Self-Discipline and Self-Awareness

On top of that, attending a residential school for eleven months without much support from parents gives the students a self-discipline and self-awareness that they could never imagine having otherwise. Being separated from their parents for a long period of time can give a child the ability to grow into a strong independent person, aware of who they are and what they want out of life, something that many people do not have the opportunity to do until college, if ever. The students are on a rigorous schedule starting in the morning. We have many prestigious schools ready to host our students in boarding accommodation.

If we can summarize, boarding schools have:

1. Greater scope for independent and experiential learning
2. You can enjoy different lifestyle the days were strictly regimented by timetables. It helps in comparatively greater self-reliance and time management
3. It offers wider opportunities for teamwork and to explore interests/potential
4. Teachers get to know and understand the students well as they spend more time together being in the same campus.
5. Since you are staying on the campus, this saves time on traveling back home and more time to yourself .i.e better opportunity for self-assessment through extra-curricular activities
6. Lifelong friendships and traditionally stronger ties with the peer group from different states/regions of India.

Over and Above, during this exchange yearYou will have amalgamation of boarding and host family experience too!!!

- Hosted students get an upper hand and an added advantage of **getting a home away from home** by being hosted with an Indian family over the weekend/vacation.
- While, participants learn about the diverse cultures through peer group in the dorms .They can gain more **insights into the values & traditions of native habitants** of their host city in particular.
- Dual celebrations of events, occasions and festivals –Boarding school ensures that they organize and plan events in traditional & authentic way. At the same time hosted students get opportunity to do these activities in an informal and traditional ways through their host families.



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- **Strong family ties** – You not only form intense friendships with your dorm mates but also get host parents, host siblings and other relations. This helps them to learn more about Indian family structures.
- **Community oriented society** – You experience how Indians are family oriented which is different from an individualistic society.
- **AFS & Volunteer Community**–Last but not the least they get to participate in all the events, activities and support which is provided by The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the implementing partner AFS India!!!

Overall, the boarding schools in India are very elite and prestigious schools, getting admissions in which are highly competitive and rigorous task. The schools provide a conducive environment for an overall personality development of the student while giving her/him the best facilities to learn.

Couple of pictures of our boarding schools:

