

# International Family Welcome Packet

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The information below is for new international students and their family members. It is important that new international students and their family members understand this information. Students are highly encouraged to arrive at Arkansas State University (ASU) before their family members so they can make arrangements for housing, family transportation, and children's school and/or day care. This will create a smooth transition for new families in the Jonesboro community.

## Transportation

*Arkansas State University is NOT able to provide transportation for children who are required to ride in a vehicle in a car seat.*

Any child under the age of 10 is required to ride in a car seat (child safety seat).

Upon arrival in Jonesboro, Arkansas State University is not able to provide transportation for families with children required to ride in a car seat. Once in Jonesboro families will need to make their own transportation arrangements with local transportation.

During orientation week, ASU will provide transportation to and from hotels on a set schedule. After orientation week students and their family members must secure and pay for their own transportation.

## Housing and Accommodation

Students and families who would like to live on-campus **must** apply and receive confirmation of their housing prior to arrival. Because Arkansas State University family housing is limited, families will need to consider off-campus housing if on-campus housing is unavailable.

Students and families who would like to live off-campus can arrange for accommodation **only after arriving** in Jonesboro. This process can take several days or weeks depending on availability. Students and their family members must arrange and pay for hotel or other accommodations while they search for housing, whether on-campus or off-campus.

## Day Care Facilities and Public Schools

There are many day care facilities in Jonesboro, and one is located on campus. Because availability of the on-campus day care facility is limited, ASU students **must** consider off-campus day care facilities. Reservations for day care facilities can be made **only after** arrival in Jonesboro. Reservations can take up to three months or more depending on the availability. Many day care facilities are not in walking distance to the university and therefore students will need to secure transportation to and from the day care center once they arrive in Jonesboro.

Children of International Students are eligible to attend public schools. In order to be enrolled in public school, the child must have **current vaccinations** and a local address. Placement in a public school depends on where the family is living in Jonesboro.

**For more information about Arkansas State University, Jonesboro and contact information visit <http://www.astate.edu/international>**