



### What to expect when hosting?

Student exchanges are designed to allow our students to benefit from an amazing experience in an American/French/NZ private school and enjoy excursions and a language and cultural immersion at a cost that can be **7 times cheaper** than when hiring a company or dealing straight away with the schools/families in the country of destination.

Exchange students normally receive a talk on cultural differences so they know how to better contribute to the host family normal environment.



### How will our family benefit by hosting an international exchange student?

Hosting an exchange student is a rewarding experience for your whole family. You'll learn about another culture and language. You'll start a life-long relationship with your new "son" or "daughter," and when your student returns home you'll have a friend in another country. Members of your family will feel closer to each other through sharing your daily lives with an exchange student.

Students gain a broader perspective on the world, learning more about geography, communication and international cultures. If the students are not the same ages they will probably love having a big/younger brother or sister from another country.

### What is required of a host family?

Families hosting school students should:

- Be able to provide for an additional member of the family suitable accommodation and three meals per day.
- Offer a supportive environment as the student goes through his or her adjustment process.
- Be interested in teenagers/international students and have realistic expectations of what life with a teenager is like. Help students adapt to your family.
- Familiarize your student with your hometown and promote participation in school and community events.
- Set clear rules and expectations on how the host student should behave.

### How will our exchange student get around?

Since exchange students are not allowed to drive, the host family is expected to provide transportation. They also need to pick students up after their school field trips (3-4/week) at Plaza d Castilla. Should the families request a different pick-up plan, the cost of the exchange will increase to cover the price of a shuttle bus from Madrid centre to la Moraleja.

### Am I the exchange student's legal guardian?

No. The exchange student's natural parents remain legal guardians. The student's program takes legal responsibility during the course of the program. Each exchange student's Certificate of Health contains a medical release form so that host parents/insurance companies may secure medical treatment in the case of an emergency.

I accept the duties and responsibility that go with hosting a student.

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