



CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

I/WE CONSENT to my/our child's participation in this exchange program and understand that the participant and their family must abide by the Conditions of Participation as outlined for the duration of the reciprocal exchange program. This includes both the travel period and the hosting period. This also includes following the rules and conditions of both the European school and host family. Any breach to the conditions of participation will result in immediate termination of the program and return of child to Canada at the Canadian family's personal expense. Please ensure you refer to the Family Guide, outlining our policies and procedures, provided to you for additional reference.

I/WE AGREE to host the visiting student during the exchange period and treat the European participant as a member of our family; to provide all three daily meals, a warm, safe and friendly atmosphere, and a safe means of travel to and from school. Where school bus transportation is necessary the host family will be responsible for making these arrangements. The host family is to support the European participant in adjusting to their new surroundings; to **assume parental care** for the exchange student; to ensure that the student is immersed in the target language (English) and given full opportunity to hear and use English at home (any language other than English should not be used during the hosting period of the European student to maximize that child's exposure to English) as well as at school; and to ensure that the participant is exposed to as many cultural activities as possible, all of the foregoing at no cost to the visiting exchange student. Family participation is imperative for the success of the exchange.

I/WE DECLARE that the hosting home is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse; that no one living in the host home(s) where the visiting student will be living has been convicted of a criminal offence or has criminal charges pending; and that a **clear vulnerable sector check** from the local police department has been provided for each person aged 18 and over living in the host home(s), as required by ISE ONTARIO. This includes anyone over the age of 18 that may visit overnight, including but not limited to: grandparents, partners, and other children returning from university or college. This includes the primary home and any secondary households.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that by accepting an offered match, I/we are agreeing to the child's partner. ISE matches are made with the best efforts based on the applications provided. Filling out the application honestly is essential for this process and for ISE records. Families are encouraged to engage in conversations with their host family in order to better understand family dynamics, rules, meals, etc. Changes to partners will occur under circumstances where medical issues arise or a situation where a child's safety may be threatened. Any other change request will be addressed on a case by case basis.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that student exchange participants must consider their exchange partner to be their first priority during the hosting period. Everyone involved in the hosting, including friends and family, should make an effort to include the European student in daily activities. Neither partner will overuse cell phones, email, or social media. Overuse reflects a lack of consideration for the exchange partner. Due to the expense of repairing or replacing electronic devices, we will not allow exchange students to borrow or lend devices while on exchange. ISE will not assume any responsibility from damage/loss in these situations.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that a student exchange participant may need to work part time or engage in another commitment (sports, clubs, etc.) and that while hosting their exchange partner, hours are to be reduced and weekend shifts avoided in order to maximize the time available to be with the exchange partner. Arrangements should be made to ensure the exchange partner is not left alone during the times of these commitments.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that this is a RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE and that the Canadian family has an obligation to host a visiting student for the time designated. Should the Canadian family not fulfill said obligation, additional fees will apply to find an alternate family for the remainder of the timeline. I/we understand that the exchange of partners will only be made in extreme cases and will be managed on a case by case basis.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY: I/WE clearly understand that the Canadian child's host family, the education and/or school authorities and exchange officials in the host country, the school and/or school board where the Canadian child is a resident student, and ISE Ontario together with its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers assume no legal responsibility or liability for participating students.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL AUTHORIZATION: I/WE authorize all medical and dental attention for the Canadian child judged necessary by medical authorities in the host country or the host family in the event of an accident or serious illness. I/We understand that every attempt will be made to reach the child's family by telephone in case of emergency.

GROUP TRAVEL: I/WE understand that the Canadian child is expected to travel to and return from the exchange country with the exchange program group. I/We confirm that the child has permission to travel with ISE designated chaperones and with their host family and their school during the duration of the program.

TRAVELING IN THE HOST COUNTRY:

- a) **I/WE** understand that exchange program participants must attend school and therefore travel during the exchange program is restricted to excursions with the host school or member/members of the host family, without exception. Where such excursions involve travel outside the host country, a letter of authorization from the Canadian parent(s) is required.
- b) Exchange families are encouraged to discuss outings provided by host families, schools, or other organizations for acceptance. Exchange families assume any and all risk and responsibilities associated with outings provided by the above and understand communication should be had to discern comfort level and skills needed for participation in such activities.
- c) The beginning and end destinations for European international travel must remain the same. Any personal travel will not be managed by ISE or the travel agency. A separate ticket will be required for liability reasons.

I/WE PERMIT ISE ONTARIO to videotape and/or photograph my/our child while participating in program activities with the understanding that these materials will be used only for promotional purposes.

EXPULSION FROM THE PROGRAM: The exchange program authorities reserve the right to immediately withdraw a student from the exchange program and arrange for an early return home, with no liability or cost to the exchange program authorities or to the host family, for any of the following:

- withholding information and/or failure to tell the truth on the application form
- failure to disclose any past or present medical treatment for physical or psychological conditions or disorders (including anorexia or bulimia)
- any concern or threat to personal harm/mental health and physical well being
- use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol
- driving a motorized vehicle OR hitch-hiking
- unauthorized absence from school; unwillingness to be attentive or participant during classes and to do the work assigned
- failure to accept the authority of school and exchange officials AND/OR failure to comply with the house rules of the host family
- undertaking independent travel that is not with the host school or the host family members
- breaking the law of the host country, including, without limitation
- receiving, creating, or distributing information which is unlawful including but not limited to materials or images which are racist, pornographic, dangerous, obscene, or inconsistent with the values of the host family
- use of social media to promote any derogatory statement to host family or school or posting of images that reflect a breach of participation conditions
- failure to abide by the Conditions of Participation of the program
- failure to abide by the policies and regulations of the host school

PRIVACY WAIVER: I/WE PERMIT ISE ONTARIO to share this application in part or in whole with partner organizations, staff, volunteers, host families and host schools in Canada and Europe. ISE has permission to use the Canadian child's contact information to follow up as needed. This can occur before, during, or after the travel period.

Our signatures below confirm that we have read and agree to the Conditions of Participation and consent to receive communications from ISE Ontario electronically.

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| <i>Name of Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s)</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Date (DD/MM/YY)</i> |
| <i>Name of Participating Student</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Date (DD/MM/YY)</i> |