



# Student mobility in European Schools

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# What is student mobility?

- Students have the opportunity to attend another (European) school for a set period of time
- This scheme is active mainly between European schools, but other (national or international) schools can also serve as exchange partners
- The programme will run best as real exchange programme, but schools are free to only send or only host

*“Temporarily visiting other schools in a different country gives students the chance to develop more intensively in many regards, e.g. to improve their language skills and to mature through experiencing a different educational and cultural environment.”*

From: “Guidelines on Organizing Students’ Mobility from and to the European Schools” 2016-01-D-49-en-4

# Student mobility and COVID-19

- Due to COVID-19, not all schools have decided yet if the student mobility programme for 2021-2022 will go ahead or not.
- At ESH, we choose to proceed as normal as the process is quite complex and time-consuming. Should exchanges not be possible due to the development of COVID-19, we will inform you as soon as possible!

# For whom is this program intended?

- Sending: students in S5, S4 by exception only
- S5 students can only go for the duration of semester 1, including exams in the hosting school
- S4 students would be allowed to go for 6-8 weeks (1 term), during the first semester (either term 1 or term 2)
- There is a wide variety of reasons to go, among which:
  - language acquisition
  - experiencing a different culture
  - experiencing life in a different family

# Some ground rules - subjects

- Students will take the same subjects they take at their own school, in as far as the hosting school offers the same package.
- Any subjects not taught at the hosting school must be studied independently during the stay abroad.
- S5: both A- and B-marks obtained at hosting school will count at the student's own school.
- S4: marks obtained in the host school will NOT count in the own school.

# Some ground rules - subjects (cont.)

- S5: For subjects not offered at the host school, we will count the 2nd semester marks double OR the student can sit the missed exam upon return to ESH (in consultation with the subject teacher and CL).
- Students can request to be placed with a host family to speak a specific language in order to further their language acquisition, however, this may make finding a suitable host family more challenging.

# Some ground rules - costs

- You will pay the school fee to your own school. The hosting school and family may not charge you for your stay. This is only true for exchanges within the ES system.
- In a non-mutual exchange, some schools do ask for a fee for the host family. It is up to you to accept this or not.
- You may of course be invoiced for school trips etc organised by the hosting school, if agreed on in advance.
- Hosting schools are not required to make any extra costs for guest students (i.e. Learning Support).



# Sending procedure

- Download and fill in the “Pupil’s application form for the sending and receiving school”.
- Decide which school(s) you would like to go to (you must fill in 3).
- Fill in the form and write a motivation letter.
- Send the digitally filled-in form to [exchanges@eshthehague.nl](mailto:exchanges@eshthehague.nl) no later than Monday 14 December 2020.
- We will contact the mentor for their approval. They will consult with the student’s teachers and if approved, the exchange coordinators will contact the school(s) of choice.
- The whole procedure should be finalised by the end of May.

# Sending procedure (cont.)

- If the school of choice accepts the student and a host family can be found, the ESH exchange coordinators will contact the parents for the additional paperwork that follows. There is a health form, a host family charter, an academic agreement and some other forms to be filled in.
- Unfortunate but true: many schools have indicated they struggle with finding host families. Placement, even after approval from our school, therefore is never guaranteed. Please bear this in mind when applying.

# History of exchanges

- We have hosted students from and sent students to many different schools and each year, new schools are added.
- This means we have a good relationship with the colleagues there.
- Please consult the list of schools on the website before making a top 3 – the more information we have on a school, the more likely it is that we will be able to find a spot there for your child.

List of European Schools	COUNTRY	WEBSITE SCHOOL AND WEBSITE PARENTS ASSOCIATION	LANGUAGE SECTIONS	S4	S3	NOTES
<b>Alicante</b>	Spain	<a href="http://www.escuelaeuropea.org/">http://www.escuelaeuropea.org/</a> <a href="https://www.ampaescuelaeuropea.com/">https://www.ampaescuelaeuropea.com/</a>	German, English, French, Spanish	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Bad Vilbel</b>	Germany	<a href="http://www.es-rm.eu/">www.es-rm.eu/</a>	English, German	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Bergen</b>	the Netherlands	<a href="http://esbergen.eu/">http://esbergen.eu/</a> <a href="http://www.europeanschool-parents.nl/">http://www.europeanschool-parents.nl/</a>	English, Dutch, French	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Brindisi</b>	Italy	<a href="http://www.europeanschoolbrindisi.eu/">http://www.europeanschoolbrindisi.eu/</a>	English, Italian	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Brussels I</b>	Belgium	<a href="https://www.eeb1.com/en/">https://www.eeb1.com/en/</a> <a href="http://www.apeee-bxl1.be">http://www.apeee-bxl1.be</a>	Danish, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Spanish	6 weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Brussels II</b>	Belgium	<a href="http://www.eeb2.eu/">http://www.eeb2.eu/</a> <a href="http://www.woluweparents.org/">http://www.woluweparents.org/</a>	Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Finnish, Swedish, Lithuanian, Portuguese	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	deadline: before Easter break
<b>Brussels III</b>	Belgium	<a href="http://www.eeb3.eu/">http://www.eeb3.eu/</a> <a href="https://www.apeeeb3.be/">https://www.apeeeb3.be/</a>	French, English, German, Dutch, Spanish, Greek	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Brussels IV</b>	Belgium	<a href="http://www.eeb4.be/">http://www.eeb4.be/</a> <a href="http://www.bru4.eu/">http://www.bru4.eu/</a>	Bulgarian, German, English, French, Italian, Dutch, Romanian	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Copenhagen</b>	Denmark	<a href="http://europaskolen.sag.dk/">http://europaskolen.sag.dk/</a>	Danish, English			no experience with them – no contact person known
<b>Culham</b>	UK	<a href="http://www.europaschooluk.org">www.europaschooluk.org</a>	English, German, French			do not participate
<b>Differdange</b>	Luxembourg	<a href="http://www.eidd.lu/">http://www.eidd.lu/</a>	French, English, German			no experience with them – no contact person known
<b>Dunshaughlin</b>	Ireland	<a href="http://europeanschooling.eu/">http://europeanschooling.eu/</a>	English			do not take part
<b>Brussels-Argenteuil</b>	Belgium	<a href="http://www.eeba.be/">http://www.eeba.be/</a>	English, French			no experience with them – no contact person known
<b>Frankfurt</b>	Germany	<a href="http://www.esffm.org/">http://www.esffm.org/</a>	German, English, French, Italian	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Helsinki</b>	Finland	<a href="http://www.esh.fi/">http://www.esh.fi/</a>	English - French - Finnish		1 <sup>st</sup> semester	
<b>Heraklion</b>	Greece	<a href="http://seeh.eu/">http://seeh.eu/</a>	English, Greek			no experience with them – no contact person known
<b>Karlsruhe</b>	Germany	<a href="http://www.es-karlsruhe.eu/">http://www.es-karlsruhe.eu/</a>	German, English, French			
<b>Luxembourg I</b>	Luxembourg	<a href="http://www.euroschool.lu/">http://www.euroschool.lu/</a> <a href="http://www.apeeel1.lu/">http://www.apeeel1.lu/</a>	English, French, German			
<b>Luxembourg II</b>	Luxembourg	<a href="http://www.eel2.eu/">http://www.eel2.eu/</a>	Czech (PRIM only), Danish, German, Greek, English, French, Hungarian, Italian			deadline for application is mid-December!

<b>Manosque</b>	France	<a href="http://www.ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">http://www.ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	French, English	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Mol</b>	Belgium	<a href="http://www.esmol.net/">http://www.esmol.net/</a> <a href="http://www.paesmol.eu/">http://www.paesmol.eu/</a>	German, English, French, Dutch	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Munich</b>	Germany	<a href="http://www.esmunich.de/">http://www.esmunich.de/</a> <a href="http://www.ev-esm.org/">http://www.ev-esm.org/</a>	German, French, English, Italian, Dutch	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Parma</b>	Italy	<a href="http://www.scuolaperieuropa.eu/">http://www.scuolaperieuropa.eu/</a>	Italian, English, French	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Strasbourg</b>	France	<a href="http://www.ee-strasbourg.eu/">http://www.ee-strasbourg.eu/</a>	English, French, German	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Tallinn</b>	Estonia	<a href="https://tes.edu.ee/">https://tes.edu.ee/</a>	English	term 1 or term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> semester
<b>Varese</b>	Italy	<a href="http://www.eurscva.eu/">http://www.eurscva.eu/</a> <a href="http://www.agsev.it/">http://www.agsev.it/</a>	German, English, French, Dutch and Italian	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> semester

*\*Please note that language sections on this list include sections open in Primary and some language sections may not be open to Secondary 4 or 5*

# Hosting an exchange student

- One golden rule: if you want to send, you **MUST** be willing to host
- You can host a student even if you are not sending! We are always looking for families willing to just host.
- Sometimes exchanges are literally that: families basically 'swap' children for a set period of time.
- Often, it is more complicated than that...
- If you want to host, please fill in the host family form and send to [exchanges@eshthehague.nl](mailto:exchanges@eshthehague.nl)

# Hosting procedure

- Read the Host Family Charter
- Fill in the Host Family Information Form
- Email the form to [exchanges@eshthehague.nl](mailto:exchanges@eshthehague.nl)
- You will be contacted if there is a suitable exchange student for you to host
- We will keep the forms for 2 years, after that you would need to fill it in again if you are still interested in hosting

# Further questions?

## Student mobility

Contact persons: Ms Cheryl Oosterman & Ms Theodora Joao

Email: [exchanges@eshthehague.nl](mailto:exchanges@eshthehague.nl)

Deadline for application forms: Monday 14 December 2020 – applications for Luxembourg 1 December!

*Please fill in the paperwork completely when applying – incomplete forms may not be processed in time*







# General Questions?

[eshthehague.nl/secondary/exchange](https://eshthehague.nl/secondary/exchange)

