



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 2022-2023 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

Exchange options

S4 (by exception only)	S5
Option A: Semester 1 - between Summer and Autumn break	Semester 1 (September – December)
Option B: Semester 1 - between Autumn and Christmas break	

S4 students have to be able to show that they can work independently and can catch up on any missed content during the exchange.

The curriculum across the different ES is similar across a year group, however, different topics may be studied at different times in the year and in a different way. Sometimes students also study a slightly different subject package in another school, i.e. Dutch is not always on offer.

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 (via the Parents Association) 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 schools).
- Fill in the form and write a motivation letter.
- Send the digitally filled-in form to exchanges@eshthehague.nl no later than Friday 17 December 2021.
- 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.
- We will keep you updated as much as possible. If a school rejects your child, we will inform you and let you know we will seek contact with the second choice school. As soon as a possible host family is found, we will put you in touch so you can touch base and decide if it feels right.
- We aim to complete the entire procedure 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 and the host 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 next slides 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
Alicante	Spain	http://www.escuelaeuropea.org/ https://www.ampaescuelaeuropea.com/	German, English, French, Spanish	1 st semester	1 st semester	
Bad Vilbel	Germany	www.es-rm.eu/	English, German	term 1 or term 2	1 st semester	
Bergen	the Netherlands	http://esbergen.eu/ http://www.europeanschool-parents.nl/	English, Dutch, French	NO	1 st semester	
Brindisi	Italy	http://www.europeanschoolbrindisi.eu/	English, Italian	term 1 or term 2	1 st semester	
Brussels I	Belgium	https://www.eeb1.com/en/ http://www.apeee-bxl1.be	Danish, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Spanish	6 weeks	1 st semester	
Brussels II	Belgium	http://www.eeb2.eu/ http://www.woluweparents.org/	Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Finnish, Swedish, Lithuanian, Portuguese	NO	1 st semester	deadline: before Easter break
Brussels III	Belgium	http://www.eeb3.eu/ https://www.apeeeb3.be/	French, English, German, Dutch, Spanish, Greek	1 st semester	1 st semester	
Brussels IV	Belgium	http://www.eeb4.be/ http://www.bru4.eu/	Bulgarian, German, English, French, Italian, Dutch, Romanian	NO	1 st semester	
Copenhagen	Denmark	http://europaskolen.sag.dk/	Danish, English			no experience with them – no contact person known
Culham	UK	www.europaschooluk.org	English, German, French			do not participate
Differdange	Luxembourg	http://www.eidd.lu/	French, English, German			no experience with them – no contact person known
Dunshaughlin	Ireland	http://europeanschooling.eu/	English			do not take part
Brussels-Argenteuil	Belgium	http://www.eeba.be/	English, French			no experience with them – no contact person known
Frankfurt	Germany	http://www.esffm.org/	German, English, French, Italian	NO	1 st semester	
Helsinki	Finland	http://www.esh.fi/	English - French - Finnish		1 st semester	
Heraklion	Greece	http://seeh.eu/	English, Greek			no experience with them – no contact person known
Karlsruhe	Germany	http://www.es-karlsruhe.eu/	German, English, French			
Luxembourg I	Luxembourg	http://www.euroschool.lu/ http://www.apeeel1.lu/	English, French, German			
Luxembourg II	Luxembourg	http://www.eel2.eu/	Czech (PRIM only), Danish, German, Greek, English, French, Hungarian, Italian			deadline for application is mid-December!

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

Please note that the information in the tables above is constantly changing. We share this table with you to inform you as much as we can, hoping this is helpful in making a first, second and third choice for a school. However, the information is not set in stone.

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

Hosting procedure

- Read the Host Family Charter
- Fill in the Host Family Information Form
- Email the form to 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

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Deadline for application forms: Friday 17 December 2021 – applications for Luxembourg 1 December!

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





General Questions?

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