

**Short-term Exchange Program Agreement Proposal**  
**Between**  
**Hamden High School in Hamden, Connecticut**  
**and**  
**Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana” in Caltagirone, Italy**

This short-term exchange program proposal dated as of November 9, 2022 is between the Hamden High School, a public high school in Hamden, Connecticut and Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana,” a public high school in Caltagirone, Italy in 2023 (tentatively in April and November).

**Section 1: Purpose**

Hamden High School and Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana” are public high schools that wish to promote and nurture global awareness and engagement through cross-cultural awareness, language and intercultural competence, intellectual growth, personal adaptability, and understanding of global issues by participating in the short-term high school student exchanges, on the terms set forth in this agreement.

More specifically, the proposed exchange hopes to address the following World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages:

- Students will successfully interact in a variety of cultural contexts that reflect both peer-group and adult activities within the target culture, using the appropriate verbal and nonverbal cues.
- Students will communicate with members of the target culture and interpret information regarding topics of personal, community, or world interest.
- Students will use new information and perspectives gained through world language study to expand their personal knowledge.
- Students will analyze how other cultures view the role of the United States in the world arena.
- Students will use new information and perspectives to demonstrate understanding of the similarities and differences among other cultures and their own culture.

**Section 2: Collaboration Components**

Each school may propose and select up to 15 high school students and two chaperones for participation in the exchange program established under this agreement.

Italian high school students will be hosted by Hamden high school students in April 2023 (tentatively April 3 to 16) for up to 14 days. They will attend school with their hosts for a few days and participate in various academic field trips, including visit to Yale University, touring one of Yale’s 14 residential colleges, Yale Library, Yale Art Gallery and Yale Center for British Art, hiking Sleeping Giant Park, and visiting New York City. The visit will then be reciprocated by Italian high school students in the fall 2023 (to be determined).

Participation expectations include:

- Open to all high school students, preference given to Hamden high school students enrolled in Italian language courses and to Italian high school students enrolled in English language courses
- Students in good academic standing
- Students with a good discipline record
- Family’s availability to accommodate guest’s needs
- Student and family application and interest/suitability

**Section 3: Cost**

Estimated cost per student is between \$1,800-\$2,000. This price includes airfare, airport transportation, academic field trip transportation and entrance fees, field trip meals, and two high school chaperones’ travel expenses. The price does not include optional insurance, gifts and souvenirs, and free-time activities with host families. Fundraising opportunities will be explored and available to those students who would like to participate. Host families will be responsible for meals and local transportation of their exchange students, as well as any field trip costs for their own high school student’s activities during the exchange period.

Proposed itinerary for Italian students visiting Hamden students in April 2023:

- Arrival to New York: April 3, 2023 (to be confirmed)
- Attend Hamden High School classes: April 4, 2023 (to be confirmed)
- Field trips to nearby cultural points of interest: (to be confirmed)
- Departure from New York: April 16, 2023 (to be confirmed)

**Section 4: School and Family Liaisons**

The school and family liaisons for each party will be: for Hamden High School, the school liaison will be Janine Gaffney, HHS School Counselor and family liaison will be Jasmina Besirevic Regan, Associate Dean for Graduate Education at Yale University and Hamden High School parent; and for Liceo Scientifico Statale, the school and family liaisons will be **XXXX, title** and **XXX, title**.

**Section 5: Policies and Procedures**

Each party agrees to conduct all its activities under this agreement in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The school policies and procedures will apply to all students regardless of where located, and to all activities occurring at or based of that school’s facilities.

In witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the school parties have signed this agreement, effective as of the date set forth above.

For Hamden High School

For Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana”

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Nadine Gannon  
Hamden High School Principal

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Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana” Principal

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Janine Gaffney  
Hamden High School Liaison

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Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana” Liaison

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Jasmina Besirevic Regan  
Hamden High School Family Liaison

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Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana” Liaison

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