

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

The short-term exchange program between the Hamden High School (HHS), a public high school in Hamden, Connecticut and Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana-Arcoleo,” a public high school in Caltagirone, Italy is established for the 2023-24 academic year in hope to promote the importance of international student exchange.

Section 1: Purpose

Hamden High School and Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana-Arcoleo” 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 standards in international education programs:

- Students will successfully interact in a variety of cultural contexts that reflect both peer-group and adult interactions and activities within the target culture.
- Students will effectively communicate with individuals from the target culture and interpret information pertaining to matters of personal, community, or global significance.
- Students will leverage the fresh insights and viewpoints acquired through their language, historical and cultural studies to enrich their personal knowledge base.
- Students will analyze how other cultures perceive the role of the United States and Italy on the global stage.
- Students will use newfound knowledge and perspectives to demonstrate their comprehension of the parallels and distinctions between other cultures and their own.

Section 2: Collaboration Components

Each school may propose and select up to 16 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 2024 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, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, and visiting New York City and Boston. The visit will then be reciprocated by Italian high school students in September 2024 during which Hamden High School students will attend school with their hosts and participate in various academic field trips, including visits to eastern Sicily: Syracuse and Greek archaeological sites, Catania and Mount Etna, Taormina, Piazza Armerina and Roman archaeological sites, baroque towns of Ragusa, Modica, Caltagirone and Ceramics Museum.

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.

Section 4: School and Family Liaisons

The school and family liaisons for each party will be: for Hamden High School, the school liaisons will be Janine Gaffney, HHS School Counselor and HHS parent and Elisa James, HHS Librarian;; and for Liceo Scientifico “Ettore Majorana-Arcoleo,” the school and family liaisons will be Elide Crescimone and Sabrina Medico, English teachers.

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-Arcoleo”

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Hamden High School Principal

Giuseppe Turrisi
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