## SCHOOL MOBILITIES

#### Parents' Information Meeting November 20th 2023



#### INTRODUCTION

Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools (to be updated)

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**.



#### TYPES OF MOBILITIES

#### Exchanges

Pupils study in a European School abroad while staying with a host family. And they also host a pupil from another European School.

#### **One-way visits**

Pupils study in a European School abroad while staying with a host family. They don't host a student from another European School.



## WHO

## All **students in S4** are eligible to apply for the Mobility Programme.

The mobility takes place in S<sub>5</sub>.



#### WHEN?

**The first semester of S5** (4 months). From September until the end of December (just before the Christmas holidays).

Remember that only the European Schools (ES) of Brussels have the same school year calendar. All other ES/AES have a different school year calendar.



## WHICH SCHOOLS?

European Schools and Accredited European Schools. You can choose a maximum of three schools in order of preference.

See *List of European Schools* on the school website: Secondary > Pedagogical information > Exchanges between European Schools



#### SWALS STUDENTS

If there is no section in the host school, the pupil will be treated as a Student Without A Language Section (SWALS).

In this case, the student doesn't have his/her section, but he has his/her L1 at the host school.



#### REMARKS

It is the responsibility of the student to catch up if the programme in the schools involved is not alike.

If there are subjects that are not covered at the host school, the results of the 2nd semester will count double.

Assessment reports are shared by the european schools.

Pupils take all the exams at the host school. They will come back to their home school with A and B marks given in all the subjects followed.



#### REMARKS

When staying at the hosting school, the pupil officially becomes a pupil of the hosting school. The school of origin doesn't have access to the pupil SMS profile until begin of January.

However, he will have access to information about orientation for S6 and the work experience programme via MS Teams.

## MOBILITY APPLICATION FORM

Parents have to...

- 1. Fill in the **Mobility Application Form**.
- 2. Print the document.
- 3. Sign it.
- 4. Send a scanned copy to the mobility coordinator.

The link to the Mobility Application Form will be sent to you by e-mail and uploaded to the school website.

Deadline : 12th of January 2024



#### **PRE-SELECTION**

 Validation of the requests by the Class Council (No difficulties to catch up, appropriate behaviour,... The student is considered as a whole person.)



## PRE-SELECTION

# **2.**Creation of the pre-selection list. Validation by the **school Management**.

- Direct and indirect exchanges.

- Family willing to host and who already has a host family at the host country.

- Family not offering hosting.

Pupils are expected to have the language of the host country in their curriculum (L2, L3, L4). The L1 is the language that pupils usually master, thus only in very exceptional cases, if the pupil is having real difficulties, could be accepted.

Deadline : Third week of February



## SELECTION BY HOSTING SCHOOL

- The hosting school has the **section** of the student and have places available.
- The hosting school has the L1 of the host student but not the section. The student is treated as SWALS.
- The hosting school doesn't have **nor section nor L1**. *The school management will decide whether to accept this situation*.

#### Deadline: end of April.



## Students without a host family

In the European schools, students without a host family may be included in a list with some information about the student (e.g. *short description of the student and parents' contact details*). This list is sent to the APEEE, which in turn sends it to all parents.

Accredited schools work differently.



#### ACCEPTANCE LETTER

You should receive an acceptance letter from the host school with information about the start of the school year, documentation needed, transport and cantine services, books, welcoming meeting...

#### Deadline : May/June



#### REMARKS

Please note that we will follow the deadlines agreed between coordinators. However, we are not responsible for the delay of other European Schools.



#### FINANCES

Neither the sending school nor the hosting school are responsible for arranging host families, travel, travel insurance, board and lodging or for any costs involved.

Please check the document *APEEE services* on the school website regarding canteen, transport and lockers.



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