

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Could you clarify the pre-selection process?

The list of candidates will be presented to the Class Council of January for validation. The Class Council is composed of all teachers of your child. They will assess whether the pupil will manage to catch up by himself/herself when he/she comes back, appropriate behaviour,...).

Then the list will be validated by the Management. Preference is given to:

-students who have the language of the country in their school curriculum (L2, L3, L4). The L1 is the language that the student is supposed to master. If the student chooses a country where his/her L1 is spoken, he will be included in the list, but he won't have priority.

-type of exchange in this order of priority: 1. one-to-one exchanges 2. families willing to host and who already have a host family 3. families willing to host but they still need to find a host family 4. families who have found a host family but cannot host 5. families who cannot host at the same time but the following school year and who still need a host family 6. families who cannot host and still need a host family.

2. What is the ideal host student for the host school?

In principle, the student whose curriculum best matches the host school's curriculum.

In the Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools (Appendix 7), it is specified that the responsibilities of the hosting school are:

- to facilitate the student with the obligatory subjects attended at the sending school as far as they are offered anyway (L1, L2, L3, biology, chemistry, physical education, geography, history, mathematics, physics, religion/ethics)
- to facilitate as many of the elective subjects as possible (L4, economics, art, music, ancient greek, ICT and latin)
- the language section to be attended at the host school is normally the same as in the sending school.

3. If our child does not want to do any mobility, can a student from another European School be invited to stay with our family?

Yes, you can host a student from another European School even if your child doesn't participate in the mobility. If you are willing to do so, please let me know and I will include you in the list of host families.

4. Is it possible to make the exchange with a school based in a country of my child's L4 language to improve her L4 skills.

Yes, you can apply for a school based in a country of your child's L4 language.

5. Who do I contact to find a host family?

Once the host school has selected your child, the APEEE or the parents association of the host school will help you to find a host family. However, they cannot guarantee they will find one.

6. In the list we received there are European schools but also accredited European schools. Is there a difference in terms of cost, programmes,...? The ES are financed by our institutions, but the accredited schools remain fee-paying schools.

The Accredited European Schools follow the same programme as the European Schools. Though they may have less sections.

In principle, the costs covered by our school should be covered by the accredited school. For further information, please contact directly the accredited school you are interested in.

7. How much must be paid to the hosting family?

The Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools doesn't specify any payment to the host families.

8. How many students did mobilities?

A total of 19 students have participated in the school mobility in 2023-2024.

In 2022-2023, there was a total of 25.

Mobilities work mainly as exchanges between schools. If two pupils from Varèse select our school, two (or maybe three) of our pupils can go to Varèse. Therefore, if there is a total of 25 pupils willing to come to our school. We will probably be able to send 25 students or more.

9. Is it possible to do the exchange in S6?

The school mobility programme is only intended for students in S5.

10. Can we receive an exchange student one year later?

You may choose to do so, however host schools prefer you accommodate the student the same school year.

11. May I ask who are the members of the class council? Only L1 teachers or also other ones? And on what basis the class council will decide?

The class council is made up of all teachers of your child. They will mainly assess whether your child will be able to catch up when he/she comes back and whether his/her behaviour is appropriate. They might also consider motivation, adaptability,...

12. We don't find information about the compulsory subjects in the list of European schools. Do the schools offer them?

All European Schools accredited and non-accredited offer the compulsory subjects.

13. When pre-selecting applications at EEB1, do you make a difference between applications for European Schools and applications for accredited European Schools?

No, we don't.

You can find more information at:

<https://www.eeb1.com/en/pedagogical-information/echanges-entre-ecoles-europeennes/>

<https://www.eeb1.com/fr/informations-dordre-pedagogique/echanges-entre-ecoles-europeennes/>