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A Cultural Exchange Program for High School Students and Teachers

Program Mission

School to School Exchange gives you the opportunity to discover another culture through first-hand experience. By going beyond the classroom, you will be immersed in another language, culture, family, and lifestyle—gaining more than you ever could from a textbook. High school exchanges are typically many students' first step toward extended stays abroad and long term language fluency.

How the Program Works

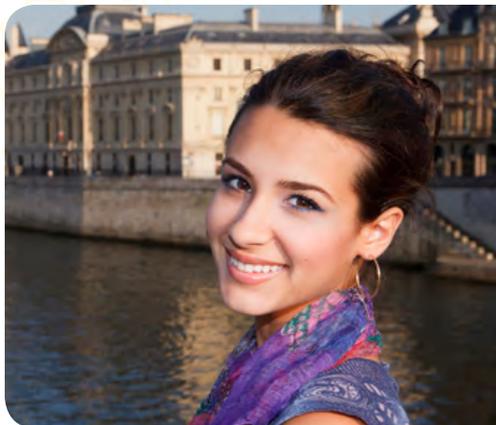
- Your language teacher or school faculty will work with CCI Greenheart to provide information to you and your family about your international school match.
- You will complete an application including a letter to your potential host family and some photos.
- Matches are made and your exchange student will visit your home for 2–3 weeks, attend classes, and participate in scheduled cultural activities.
- In return, the partner school will host you and your classmates. In some cases you may visit your exchange participant first. You will live with your exchange counterpart and their family and enjoy an equally enriching academic and cultural experience.

“Expect the unexpected and bring tissues just in case. The most difficult part of the exchange was saying goodbye to the host family.”

—Jose Arias, American School to School participant

Provided by CCI Greenheart

- A partner school in the country of your school's choice
- International round trip air fare
- Full accident and medical insurance for all participants
- Emergency support from the CCI Greenheart National Office in Chicago, IL
- Cultural information for you and your family to prepare for the exchange experience



CCI Greenheart Support

Once the school partnerships are made, your teachers will begin the process of matching you and your family to an exchange partner and their family. It is possible these matches will be made several months before your respective visits—you should both take advantage of this time to get to know each other. Before you leave, you and your family will have an orientation. When your group travels, CCI Greenheart will help your teacher with travel arrangements, insurance, logistics, communication, and any important documents you may need. While your group is abroad, you will have access to CCI Greenheart staff 24 hours a day in case you need assistance.

Students who studied four to five years of a foreign language have consistently outperformed students not taking foreign languages. Students who have studied abroad report higher GPAs, rates of employment, and earning power.

—College Board



Dates and Duration

A typical program lasts about 2 to 3 weeks. Dates are flexible, but will ultimately be up to your school board and administration.

Number of Students

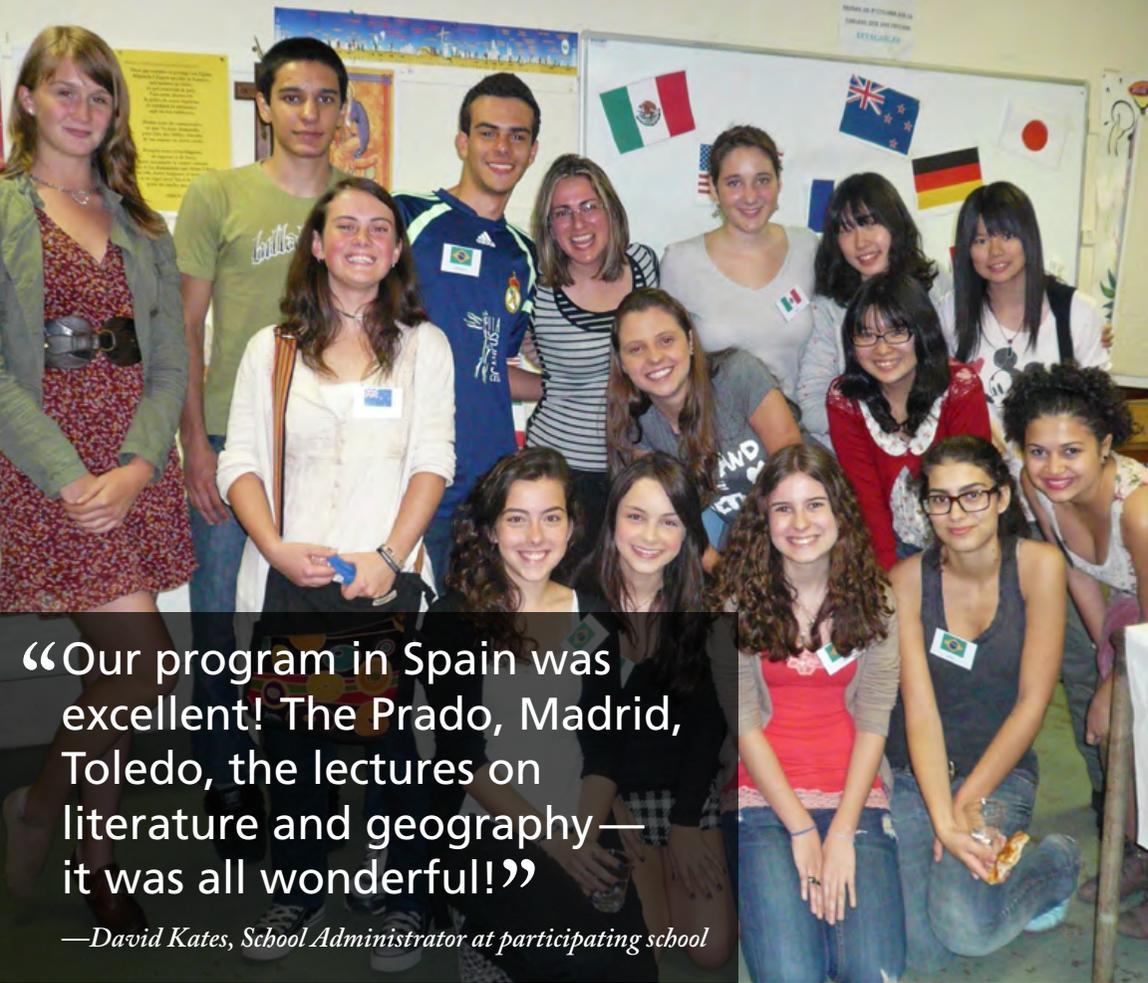
This is a true reciprocal exchange. This means that when you go abroad, you will stay with the family of whoever lived with you in the US. Sometimes there are possibilities to host even if you are unable to travel, but this will be left up to the discretion of your school administration.

Costs

Schools are responsible for treating their guests to whatever activities have been planned in their home countries. Therefore, the school abroad will pay for your activities and excursions when you travel and your group will be responsible for the cost when you host. On each leg of the exchange, this typically includes 2 full-day excursions and 3 half-day activities. The exchange typically costs approximately \$1800 to \$2300 per student, including airfare, medical/accident insurance, activities, leader costs, and CCI Greenheart support. A non-refundable deposit is due at least 4 months before your travel.

How to Apply

Contact your language teacher or school administration for more information.



“Our program in Spain was excellent! The Prado, Madrid, Toledo, the lectures on literature and geography — it was all wonderful!”

—David Kates, School Administrator at participating school

Since 1985, CCI Greenheart has offered cultural exchange programs in the U.S. that connect Americans with international students. It is a global nonprofit organization headquartered in Chicago, IL committed to connecting people and planet to create a more peaceful and sustainable global community. Learn more at www.greenheart.info

For further information about hosting:

- a short term international student
cci-exchange.com/summer-hosting
- semester or yearlong international high school student
cci-exchange.com/usprograms/host.aspx

For further information about going abroad to:

- volunteer
greenhearttravel.org/programs/teen/volunteer
- spending a high school year abroad go to
greenhearttravel.org/programs/teen/high-school-abroad



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