



Foundation for Foreign Study



Introduction

EF Foundation for Foreign Study is the leader in high school exchange, bringing more students to the US than any other exchange organization. Since 1979, EF Foundation has connected over 100,000 students with caring American host families. EF Foundation is designated by the US Department of State as an Exchange Program Sponsor, and has been granted full listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). EF Foundation is also a member of the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange.

EF Foundation is an EF branded-program. EF is the world's largest private educational company, focused on language learning, educational travel, cultural exchange, and academic programs. Subsidiaries include: Educational Tours, Smithsonian Student Travel, Cultural Care Au Pair, EF International Language Schools, Hult International Business School and Go Ahead Tours.

Students

EF Foundation students come from 25 countries including China, Germany, Italy, Norway and Australia. Our rigorous student selection process ensures that students are well suited for the exchange experience. Students are between the ages of 15 to 18, and must pass a strict screening process for motivation, character, grades and proficiency in written and spoken English language skills. During their exchange, students are supervised by an EF Foundation local coordinator, and are held to high behavioral and academic standards throughout the year.

Schools

EF Foundation notifies our exchange students of the following school requirements:

- All students are encouraged to take both English and either U.S. History or American Government for the duration of their exchange.
- All students are required to maintain a "C" average or better in all classes.
- Students can participate in sports at the discretion of your school and/or state athletic association; however, it is against government regulations to recruit exchange students specifically because of their talents in a particular sport.
- Students are not guaranteed graduation by EF Foundation; graduation is at the discretion of the school. If a student meets a school's policies for graduation, he or she may be allowed to graduate.
- At the end of a successful program, exchange students receive a certificate of completion from EF Foundation.

Support

EF Foundation offers unparalleled support to all program participants, including schools. Locally, EF Foundation International Exchange Coordinators (IECs) are the primary support for students, host families and schools. In addition, full-time staff is available at our Cambridge, Massachusetts headquarters 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With strong international relationships, EF Foundation is able to be in immediate contact with family members abroad.

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