



Rotary District 5080

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Inbound Student Agreement

As an Inbound Student hosted in District 5080, the following specific rules and conditions will apply to your exchange. Neither the host Rotary Club nor host families may alter these rules and conditions. These rules and conditions are in addition to the Rotary International “Rules and Conditions” that were part of your Youth Exchange application.

General Conditions of Exchange

1. **The term of the exchange is 10 ½ to 11 months.** Returns prior to the end of the academic year must be agreed to in advance by both District 5080 and your sponsor Rotary District. Returns beyond July 15th only with written approval of host club and District 5080.
2. Students are required to purchase **medical and liability insurance from CISI-Bolduc Plan B** through District 5080 unless otherwise agreed in advance with the sponsor Rotary District. An information package and application form will be emailed to you. It will contain all the necessary information about payment and deadlines.
3. Students are required to maintain a US **\$250 “emergency fund”**, which will be under the joint control of the student and the host Rotary Club. When money is spent from this fund, the total must be brought back up to \$250. Any money remaining in this fund will be returned at the end of your exchange. The host Rotary Club will provide a monthly allowance for incidental expenses. You are responsible for clothing, optional travel and personal expenses.
4. All exchange students hosted in District 5080 are required to participate in an **International Friendship Tour** within the District.
5. At the end of the exchange period, students must **return directly home** by a route mutually acceptable to the host and sponsor Rotary Districts, and the student’s parents or legal guardians.
6. Students **are under the authority of District 5080 while on exchange.** Parents or legal guardians cannot authorize extra activities without the approval of your host club. Relatives in your host country will have no authority over you.

Strict Rules of Exchange [Violations will normally result in your immediate return home!]

1. You must **obey the laws of the host country.** If you violate a law, you can expect no assistance from your sponsor club or district. You will be required to return home at your own expense.
2. You are required to enroll at the **high school** selected by the host Rotary Club, attend classes on a full-time basis, make an honest attempt to achieve good grades, and participate fully in school activities. It is sometimes possible to receive credits for courses taken while on exchange. The possibility of doing so should be discussed with your home school before leaving on exchange and with your host school immediately upon arrival.
3. You may not **possess or use illegal drugs.** You may possess and use drugs prescribed for you by a doctor.
4. **Smoking is not permitted. This includes electronic cigarettes/Vaping (nicotine and/or non-nicotine) and other nicotine/tobacco products of any kind.**
5. **Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden.**
6. You will not be permitted to operate any type of **motorized vehicle.** You may not participate in “extreme” sports such as hang-gliding. Check with your counselor or host family to make sure your planned activities are permitted.
7. You must follow **District 5080 travel rules.** Travel is permitted with host parents or for Rotary Club or District functions authorized by the host Rotary Club. Other travel must be approved in advance by the host Rotary Club, District 5080, host parents, and your parents
8. You may not accept **employment**, on either a full-time or part-time basis, while on exchange.
9. You agree not to take any courses by correspondence from home during your exchange.

Common Sense Rules for a Successful Exchange

1. **Communicate with your first host family** before leaving home. You will receive host family information before your departure.
2. **Respect your host family’s wishes.** Become a real part of the family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal for a family member.
3. Any costs related to **an early return home** or any other unusual costs (special tours, etc.) are the responsibility of your parents/guardian.
4. **Visits by parents/ guardians**, relatives or friends may only take place with the consent of the host club and District 5080. Visits should occur during the last quarter of the exchange or during school breaks but not at the conclusion of exchange.
5. **Body piercing or obtaining a tattoo** is prohibited for health reasons.
6. **Serious romantic activity** is to be avoided, **and sexual activity** is forbidden.
7. Talk with your host club counselor, host parents, or other trusted adult immediately if you encounter any form of **abuse or harassment.**
8. You are expected to **learn the English language** and may be responsible for the cost of tutoring, if required... Learn as much English as you can ahead of time.

9. **Attend Rotary and host family events**, and show an interest in these activities.
10. **Don't spend all of your time with other Exchange Students!** Get involved in school and community activities.
11. **Electronic communication**, instant messaging and phone calls with parents, relatives, and friends from home need to be limited and **must not interfere** with the your becoming involved in the host culture, community and family. Accessing pornographic material is expressly forbidden.
12. If you have the **opportunity to go on a trip** or attend an event, make sure you understand the costs you must pay, and your responsibilities before you go.
13. **Choose friends in the community carefully.** Ask for and heed the advice of host families, counselors, host Rotary Club and school personnel in choosing friends.
14. **Do not borrow money.** Pay any bills you incur promptly. Ask permission to use the phone and internet and reimburse your host family for costs incurred.

In case of difficulties, students should consult – in order – their host family (if appropriate), their host Rotary Club Counselor, the host Club's Youth Exchange Officer, the District 5080 Youth Exchange Committee Vice Chair responsible for inbounds, the District 5080 Youth Exchange Committee Chair. Contact information will be provided by the host Rotary Club and at the Inbound Student Orientation Camp.

DECLARATION

Having read and understood the program rules and conditions of exchange included in this document, we each agree to abide by these rules and conditions, and understand that any violation may result in abrupt termination of the exchange, and we further agree that the host Rotary Club and Rotary District 5080 shall have final authority in enforcing these rules and conditions and any other rules and conditions which may be imposed with due notice.

Parent/guardian: _____
(print name) *(signature)* *date [dd/mm/yy]*

Parent/guardian: _____
(print name) *(signature)* *date [dd/mm/yy]*

Student: _____
(print name) *(signature)* *date [dd/mm/yy]*

Parents' postal address: _____

Parents' phone number(s): _____ Parents' e-mail address: _____