

# Rotary Youth Exchange Guide for School Counselors

## **Academic Achievement Expectations**

Although the student arrived in the United States under a Student Visa, Rotary considers the focus of the exchange to be cultural and not academic in nature. However, because the student is here on a student visa, the student must attend school on a very regular basis.

The presence at school comes with the expectation that the student strives for passing grades. Realizing that in the beginning there may be obstacles to achieving this level, there should be steady progress towards passing grades.

Because Rotary considers the exchange to be cultural in nature, students are encouraged to avoid registering for academically challenging classes, hopefully taking advantage of the courses not available in the student's homeland .

It's not uncommon for the student to set a class schedule initially that is not right for them. Either it's too easy or too difficult. They pick their schedule over a few minutes and often aren't sure what they sign up for. The school should be aware that they might want to change their schedule after a few weeks.

The Student must show effort as indicated by a progressive increase in the percentage of content mastered. Once having obtained a passing grade (C or better) in a subject, it must be maintained as passing. The Student must always complete assigned homework.

The student's deportment at school should align with the CHS handbook, never to be disruptive, and always courteous to teachers and school administrators.

## **Extra-curricular Activities:**

The student should be encouraged/allowed to participate in as many extra-curricular activities as they want / have time for. This is in keeping with the cultural aspect of the exchange. The more involved the exchange students are, the better the exchange goes.

The student will be asked be excused from classes to attend various Rotary events. A schedule of these events will be given to the school. These events are mandatory for the student to attend.

The student will be required to participate in the Student International Assembly sponsored by CHS that highlights the experience of the school's exchange students.

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## **Rotary Youth Exchange Code of Behavior**

So that there is no mistake about how Rotary feels about certain misbehavior, this District has clear standards for the type of behaviors that can cause us to end a student's exchange. Violations of our code of behavior can cause the Exchange to end with immediate return home.

These rules are to protect the exchange student, host family, host Rotary Club, and Rotary District 5060 who have responsibility to the student's sponsor club parents.

### **Behavior Standards**

- Dealing or taking illegal drugs (automatic return)
- Driving any motor vehicle (automatic return)
- Sexual and/or exclusive serious relationship (automatic return)
- Drinking any alcohol without host family's approval and presence (automatic return)
- Obtaining a tattoo or piercing while on exchange (automatic return)
- Student with a negative attitude to the program and a disregard of the host family rules
- Unsatisfactory academic effort and school attendance
- Staying out overnight without host family approval
- Not attending mandatory district exchange functions
- Taking time off school without prior written approval from school and host family
- Being untruthful (lying) to host families, counselor, or the District Committee
- Smoking if you indicated you are a non-smoker on your application
- Being inconsiderate, rude, or uncooperative with host families or counselor
- Failure to correct behavior after having been counseled by club or District Committee
- Unapproved travel
- Visits prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> or any visitor from home other than immediate family
- Attending non-approved trips, functions, or parties
- Not participating in host club's activities.

If a violation of one or more of these standards is reported to the District, the exchange student will have a warning interview with a District official. Depending on the facts of the situation, the student will be counseled and put on probationary status or, if the situation warrants, they will be immediately returned to their home country.

## **Rotary / School Partnership**

The Leavenworth Rotary's Youth Exchange Education Coordinator will be checking in with the school Counselor periodically to inquire of the student's adaptation and social progress. Rotary requests that you use this opportunity to share any concerns of student behavior regarding the above document, or any questions not answered therein. Conversely Rotary would like to be notified if the student has been involved with or has accomplished anything extra-ordinary.

Rotary thanks CHS for participating in this very important Program that promotes needed peace and understanding throughout this world.

