

Youth Exchange Program
District Youth Exchange Program - Students Going Outbound

Student wishing to go OUTBOUND to study in another country

District 7620 Youth Exchange Program (YEP) is a full-year educational study abroad program. Students who wish to go abroad in the full long-term (from August through June), should go to the Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) website: www.exchangestudent.org - to find more information regarding the long-term program application and countries choices that are options for international study.

District 7620 is one of 36 Districts that utilize ESSEX as its Rotary International Exchange partner. District 7620 YEP Chairman is on the Board of ESSEX and is involved in every governing rule, country selection and operational policies and procedures.

The District 7620 exchange program does not have country-to country exchanges. The student may go outbound, if selected for the program, without D7620 or the family having to host a student from that same country. We highly encourage the Outbound student's family to consider hosting a student while their son/daughter is abroad, to experience what their child is going through in their exchange.

Note: District 7620 is participating in the **Long-Term Program** and the **Short-Term Program**.

Basic requirements for acceptance into the program include: - Students must be 15 to 18.5 years old as of August 1st in the year they leave to go abroad.

- Students may be graduates - but country listings accepting graduates are limited.
- Students must pass through **Local Rotary Club, District** and **Compatibility** interviews (both student and parents are interviewed at the local Club and District levels). (Long Term Only)
- Students are typically in the top 25% of their class. (Long Term Only)
- Students must demonstrate maturity and personal responsibility.

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The Short-Term Exchange Program (STEP)

STEP Program processes follow most of the information above with the following exceptions:

This is a family-to-Family exchange. The USA student will go to the foreign student's home and after the initial 4-6 weeks, that student will return with the USA student to their home, here in Maryland/DC.

The period for exchange is typically 4-6 weeks in each country.

It is usually executed during the summer only (to not interfere with school). There may be exceptions.

The Exchange student parents – make all the arrangements with each other for timing and travel.

**For additional program testimonials and information regarding D7620 program, timeline for application and selection process, and financials,
Contact D7620 YEP Chair- Susan Glover, 301.980.3322.**

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