



FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

A foreign exchange program is a unique opportunity for our high school students in Grade 10 and early Grade 11 to study abroad, and to be immersed in the cultural, social, and familial environment of their exchange partner.

An exchange partner and his or her family welcome and host our student; our student will share in their daily life and join their local Waldorf high school. In return, our student's family welcomes and hosts the exchange partner to the United States and Academe of the Oaks. The exchanges happen consecutively, not concurrently. The Academe student and his or her exchange partner are together throughout both parts of the exchange.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students who wish to go on a foreign exchange should complete an application and return it to Ms. Karma Sanchez, our Foreign Exchange Coordinator. The Leadership Group and faculty will evaluate the student's readiness for an exchange. Once approved, in conjunction with the Foreign Exchange Coordinator, the student will find an exchange partner in the country he or she wishes to visit. Academe's office has a list of Waldorf high schools that the student can contact to explore exchange.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF THE EXCHANGE?

Academe of the Oaks approves visits for up to ten weeks. A student may not miss more than ten weeks of school at Academe.

HOW MUCH DOES THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST?

A foreign exchange does not involve additional payment of tuition, nor room and board. However, the Academe parents are still obligated to pay tuition to Academe of the Oaks for the duration of the exchange. Families will need to pay for transportation (to and from the international location, and local transportation), immigration fees (passport and visa), pocket money to cover personal expenses, class trips if necessary, reasonable tutoring expenses in the foreign language and/or musical instrument expenses should the school abroad require it.

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN A FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

The ideal time to participate in a foreign exchange is during the 10th grade year or during the first quarter of the 11th grade year. Specific dates and length of stay are subject to approval by Academe of the Oaks, as academic and social aspects are considered in the decision making.