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FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

We are excited to hear about the possibility of your son/daughter attending Academe of the Oaks as a visiting student. Academe of the Oaks, a unique school founded in 2003, is the only Waldorf high school in Atlanta, Georgia. Currently there are about 50 students, from various backgrounds, attending the high school. Academe of the Oaks is located in Decatur, a small town outside of Atlanta, known for its artistic culture, nice little restaurants, and small shops.

The school is made up of several buildings in which the classes take place. Around the buildings are trees, and flower and vegetable gardens. There is also a basketball court and several nice places to relax and unwind after a challenging academic lesson.

The school looks forward to getting to know your child. We warmly welcome our exchange students and assure them of an extraordinary foreign exchange experience. Below are the procedures to be followed when applying to the school.

1. PRE – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following documents and information are required before we can consider the student's application:

- a. a handwritten biographical letter (in English) from the student, providing general information about themselves and the reasons for their interest in an exchange program;
- b. a recent photograph;
- c. parent's/guardian's consent;
- d. a letter of recommendation from the English teacher; and
- e. a copy of the student's most recent report card.

2. FINANCES

Non-Exchange Students:

- a. proof of income and the ability to be able to cover the cost of the student's stay in the United States;
- b. around \$20/day (to be confirmed by the host family). We will find a host family for the visiting student;
- c. spending money for the student.

Exchange Students:

- a. School fees = none
- b. Boarding fees = none
- c. Spending money for the student

Please confirm either that you have already found a host family, or if you would like for Academe of the Oaks to find one.

3. VISA

All exchange students need a visa in the United States. Academe of the Oaks will process the paperwork for the I-20 visa as soon as your child is accepted into the school and host family has been found.

4. SCHOOL RULES

We reserve the right to send the student home before the planned departure date in case of:

- a. social difficulties in school or with the host family;
- b. discipline problems;
- c. lack of involvement in class, contributing to poor progress in English.

We hope to hear from you soon.

With best Regards,

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