



## **International Exchange Program Guidelines for incoming students**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants must be in good academic standing, with above average work.
2. Students must have a strong motivation to learn.
3. The timing of the exchange will be arranged with the Lake Champlain Waldorf School (LCWS) to coincide with established breaks (quarter, semester, main lesson).
4. The ideal time for a student to come on an exchange is in their tenth or eleventh grade year. The duration of the student's time abroad can range from a minimum of six weeks to an entire school year.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

1. The student must submit the following to LCWS:
  - a. Student Application
  - b. Parent Application
  - c. Teacher Recommendation
  - d. Student's School Records
  - e. Student Photograph
2. The LCWHS International Exchange Committee reviews the application.
3. The LCWHS International Exchange Committee will communicate its decision. **No travel arrangements should be made prior to receiving written acceptance.**
4. Along with the acceptance letter, we will mail:
  - a. I-20 form that is needed to obtain a student visa
  - b. Permission and Liability Form to be returned to LCWHS

Please note: Meeting all of the requirements for application does not guarantee acceptance.

## **EXCHANGE EXPECTATIONS**

1. Students are expected to fully participate actively in all of the activities at LCWS and in the daily home life of the host family.
2. Students may be required to take extra English classes once or twice a week as determined by LCWHS. This would be an additional expense for the exchange student's family (see .
3. The students will have an adviser at LCWHS, who will meet with them on a regular basis to support a successful experience.
4. Students must comply with all of the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Vermont and of the United States of America.
5. **Students May NOT Smoke! Students will not use tobacco or illegal drugs nor will they drink alcohol during their exchange. This applies to both on and off campus, school days and non-school days. Use is grounds for dismissal. By Vermont State Law, smoking is not allowed in any public place.**
6. Students will comply with all of the rules and requirements of the host parents

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The exchange student's family is responsible for providing pocket money to cover incidental expenses. Parents are also responsible for travel costs and for medical insurance for time abroad. If a student needs to be sent home for any reason, the family is responsible for any costs associated with changing travel arrangements. Please see the Finances for International Students document for details.

## **POST-EXCHANGE EVALUATION**

LCWHS will send a written report to the student's school at the end of the semester.