



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO

... in the Interest of Students on Exchange

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TWO - MONTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM for **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** in **FRANCE** or **SWITZERLAND**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO, a registered not-for-profit corporation, is offering to Ontario students a variety of reciprocal exchange programs in Europe and in Quebec. Affordable student exchanges with an educational focus were first organized by The Ontario Ministry of Education in the 1970s and the Ministry continues to support such programs. Included among the ISE ONTARIO European exchange partners are the Ministry of Education offices that were exchange partners of the Ontario Ministry until it ceased its direct involvement in student exchanges.

The primary goal of ISE ONTARIO is to provide
➤ *the best possible programs* ➤ *for the greatest number of students*
➤ *at the lowest possible cost.*

ISE ONTARIO's reciprocal exchange program for elementary students has continued to grow over the past few years. This program is ideal for Extended/Immersion French students, and for strong Core French students. It seems best for the Ontario student to apply during grade 7 and to participate in the exchange during grade 8.

The visiting student requires a full English program while in school here.

Following are some specific advantages to exchanges at the elementary level.

Elementary students who are interested in an exchange experience:

- ◆ **are often not as highly involved in activities that compete for their time, such as part-time jobs, boy/girl friends, sports teams and other highly competitive activities**
- ◆ **seem to have less difficulty being away from peer groups**
- ◆ **can benefit from enhanced French skills throughout their secondary school career**
- ◆ **still have the time to study a third language in secondary school and may even go on a second exchange to a country where that language is spoken.**

AND, the entire elementary school community benefits from the presence of a native speaker of French.

ISE ONTARIO exchange programs are opportunities for students:

- to develop language skills through complete immersion
- to share their family and school life with their partner
- to increase cultural awareness through direct experience
- to enhance understanding and tolerance of others
- to gain confidence, responsibility and self-reliance
- to acquire a new appreciation of their own country
- to prepare for 21st century life in the global village
- to establish personal relationships that may last a lifetime

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TWO-MONTH PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & TIME LINE

ISE ONTARIO programs are reciprocal school-based student exchanges that focus on language learning, cultural understanding, appreciation and acceptance of others, self-awareness and lasting contacts. Students apply in one school year and the exchange takes place during the next school year.

December - March ...	Students complete the application process through their school.
April, May ...	Successful applicants are matched with a student of similar age and interests.
June, July	Students receive information about a proposed partner and upon acceptance begin corresponding.
August to October	Visiting students arrive in Ontario in August and spend two months in their partner's home and school.
February to April	Ontario students leave in February to spend a similar period with their partner.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students applying for ISE ONTARIO's elementary programs must:

- have above average academic standing and good attendance record
- be active, outgoing, well-liked, responsible
- be recommended by their teachers and school principal
- be studying French
- have a home that: is clean and orderly; has adequate space for the visiting partner; is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse
- have a family that: is warm, caring and open to other peoples; can host a student in a supervised, safe and comfortable atmosphere; can provide for all meals and cost of family activities for their guest student during the hosting period
- have a family that is willing and able to speak **English** at home during the hosting period
*most visiting students view an exchange in Ontario as an English language experience
- have parent(s)/guardian(s) who are able to provide a clear criminal record check and secure home environment

2011 - 2012 PROGRAM COSTS

- Participation costs are \$2400 (*\$2600 where connecting flights within Ontario to/from Toronto are required*) with payment by installments during the exchange year. **Program fees include:**
 - \$300 application fee
 - international air travel accompanied by Ontario escort(s)
 - connecting surface travel in Ontario and surface or air travel in the host country, where required
 - travel insurance: cancellation and interruption, AND emergency medical / hospital
 - orientation or activity day in the host country
 - ISE administration fee
 - ▶ Not included in the program fee is personal spending money.

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EXCHANGE REQUEST & RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR:

(student's name) _____

The following four steps will lead you through the application process.
Carefully review and complete all sections of these two pages.

★ **This completed form must be submitted with your full application.** ★

STEP 1 *I believe that I fulfill all of the following requirements for applying for an exchange.*

Students applying for **ISE ONTARIO** programs must:

- have above average academic standing and good attendance record
- be active, outgoing, well-liked, responsible
- be recommended by their teachers and school principal
- be studying French for exchanges to French language destinations
- have a home that: is clean and orderly; has adequate space for the visiting partner; is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse
- have a family that: is warm, caring and open to other peoples; can host a student in a supervised, safe and comfortable atmosphere; can provide for all meals and cost of family activities for their guest student during the hosting period
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I think that I would be a good exchange candidate because:

My exchange partner would benefit from being with my family because:

We have read the program information and discussed our participation in the exchange program.

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Date

Signatures:

Student

Parent(s)

Home Telephone

Email: _____

STEP 2 With the above completed and signed, proceed to the reverse side of this page and obtain the recommendation of your teachers. An optional letter of recommendation from a community person may be attached as well. ... over

ISE ONTARIO STUDENT EXCHANGE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name

Grade

School

School Board

This student wishes to apply for a **Two-Month Exchange Program** offered by ISE Ontario. You are asked to review the program requirements listed on the reverse side of this page and complete one of the recommendation sections below if you feel that this student is a suitable candidate for an exchange experience.

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Teacher's Name

Subject

Date

Comments

Teacher's Signature

❷

Teacher's Name

Subject

Date

Comments

Teacher's Signature

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Teacher's Name

Subject

Date

Comments

Teacher's Signature

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Other (must be an adult and not a family member)

Relationship

Date

Comments

Signature

STEP 3 • Present this form to the person in your school who has responsibility for exchanges.
(your School Exchange Co-ordinator / Contact)

Date

Name and signature of School Exchange Co-ordinator / Contact

• Present this form to your School Principal for approval.

Date

Name and signature of School Principal

★ Please return this form to the ISE Office with the completed full application form. ★

STEP 4 With both sides of this page completed you may now request an Application Package from your School Exchange Contact, from the ISE Office or www.iseontario.on.ca .

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