



# MOBILITY PROGRAMME

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2026/27



**All students of S4** are eligible to apply for the Mobility Programme.

The mobility **takes place in the first semester of S5.**

There are two types of mobility:

- **Exchanges:** Pupils study in a European school abroad, while staying with a host family. In exchange, their families host a pupil from another European school.
- **One-way visits:** Pupils study in a European school abroad, while staying with a host family. However, they **do not** host a pupil from another European school in reverse.

# RULES AND GUIDELINES

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- New guidelines for mobility programme (Ref. 2024-11-D-22-en-1).
- Mobilities at ESF only for students **in S5**.
- From beginning of **September until end of December before the Christmas Holidays** (approximately 4 months).
- **B-tests in the hosting school**; If the B-tests are scheduled after Christmas, ESF follows mobility programme guidelines.



# WHERE TO APPLY

- Mobility programmes are organized with other **European Schools** or with **Accredited European Schools**.
- A list of possible destinations is published on the school website.
- Please note that not all accredited schools have S5 in secondary cycle.
- Check directly the website of the school you are interested in.
- Do not take up contact with the host school directly before talking to your own school.

# HOW TO APPLY

- You can choose **up to three schools**, in order of preference.
- No guarantee about a positive answer- no guarantee for the order of option

## Parents have to:

- Fill in the **Online Application Form**. The link to this form **will be sent to you** .
- Sign and send back to the Educational Advisor in charge via email **Annex 3. Consent Form for Participation**.

**Submission period:** 5th-16th of January, 2026

# PRE-SELECTION PROCESS SENDING SCHOOL (I)

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Sending schools will rank candidates according to the following criteria:

1. Direct exchanges
2. Family willing to host and who already has a host family in the host country
3. Family willing to host
4. Recommendation by the Class Council

(We will consider the student **as a whole person**: student with a positive attitude to learning, motivated, engaged and showing maturity. We don't just focus on the academic results.

5. Technicalities: e.g. group size, number of interested students (up to 10% of the year group)



# PRE-SELECTION PROCESS SCHOOL (II)

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However: students need to cope with the challenges of an exchange:

- academic challenges: different learning-environment, different procedures, different approach, different timeline of the topics treated in class, different level, ISA-support is granted, but: need to catch-up individually upon return
- social challenges: new peer-group, different cultural environment, different rules / codes of conduct
- personal emotional challenges: missing family / classmates / friends

# SELECTION-PROCESS HOSTING SCHOOL

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Hosting schools with a large number of applications rank candidates according to the following criteria:

1. The host school has the section of the pupil and have places available.
2. For SWALS-students, there are 2 possibilities:
  - if there is a section, they join the section.
  - if there is no section, they remain SWALS.

**The hosting school decides.**





# POTENTIAL OBSTACLES

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- Choice of a specific school not possible , e.g. concerning students' subject combinations: all subjects have to be offered in the hosting school.
- Chosen school does not accept guest students due to a big number of applicants for the hosting school
- No host family found
- Please note that:
  - students miss career guidance in Frankfurt (first semester sessions)
  - they will have to catch up for certain subjects after the exchange, no material will be sent from the teachers during the exchange.

# If a host family cannot be found...

- If the student does not have a host family, they will be **included in a list** with a short description and the parents' email.
- This list will be sent to **the Parents Association** and distributed to all parents.
- If the Parents Association cannot find a host family, it is up to the parents to try to find one

**DEADLINE TO FIND A HOST FAMILY:  
END OF JUNE**

# If a host family is found

- You will receive an **acceptance letter** from the host school with information about the start of the school year, documentation needed, transport and canteen services, books, welcoming meeting...

**Deadline : May/beginning June**

- You may get information later than April!
- For the two schools involved to approve the mobility, **the host family must be confirmed**

# Accepted pupils will have to...

- Hand in the **Annex 2. Confidential Health Form** to the host school at the start of their mobility.
- Meet their financial obligations (school fees) with the sending school.
- Prove to the **host school** (through the mobility coordinator) and to the **host family** that they are **sufficiently insured** (health, travel, accident, third-party) before the start of the mobility.

# IMPORTANT NOTES

- When you apply for an Accredited European school on the official form, please check on the school's website **that they offer S5 cycle.**
- Please get familiar with the procedures of the hosting school beforehand, like (public) transport, booklists, material.

**Additional costs may arise if the pedagogical material used by the hosting school differs from the material used in the sending school (Books, Calculator...)**

- Please discuss, with your child, if he / she is willing to face the challenges of an exchange.
- Please get in touch with your child's teachers to ask for advice if you are uncertain before the application.



# Educational Advisor for Mobility Programme

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Thank you and  
good luck for  
your child's  
experience in  
another  
European  
School!

