



MOBILITY PROGRAMME

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

- 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)

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)

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

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

- 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.



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

