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ESSEX EASTERN STATES STUDENT EXCHANGE	The following is a list of countries ESSEX exchanges with in 2015-16. Country assignments are made based on your qualifications and country availability at the time completed application is received. PLEASE choose 5 countries, ranking your preferences from 1-5. If you don't meet the criteria for a country, please don't include it in your selection. Post Graduates must meet age requirements.

As of 17 November 2014

Please advise all students at the interview that they need to apply for their passport immediately. ESSEX is requiring that all applications include a passport. An exception will be made for the applications that are received in December; they will have until January 30th. The District Chair must upload a copy of the passport in YEAH and they must notify the Country Contact that it has been uploaded to avoid delayed processing.

Country	Age Limits at the time of arrival	Accept Post Graduate	Language/ Educational Requirement/ Other	Insurance Requirement	Students Top Five Choices Mark 1,2,3,4,5
Argentina	15-18.0	Yes – Only if they are under 18 when they arrive in Argentina	At least 40 hours of Spanish learning (if student has to study Spanish, it is at the student's expense), Emergency Fund ($500), optional tours available. Student will need to get student visa to enter the country.	Local ($750) plus CISI Bolduc A, Some districts accept CISI Bolduc B	
Australia	15-17.0	No	July 15-22 arrival	Local ($430) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Austria	15-17.5	No	2 yrs. German (during high School), mandatory language camp (€450), optional tours available, students generally participate in Rotary meetings on a limited basis, very strict regulations on independent ravel and family visits	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Belgium	16.5-under 19 by 8/1/15	Yes	Preferably no VEGETARIANS (Depends on host families), optional tours available	Local plus CISI Bolduc A, One district accepts CISI Bolduc B	
Bolivia	16-18.5	Yes	Mandatory trip ($1200), optional trip to Machu Pichu ($800), $500 Emergency Fund	CISI Bolduc B	
Bosnia	15 – 18.5	Yes		Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Brazil	15-under 19 by 8/1/15	Yes	2 districts have language camps ($150), Three tours offered $2000-5000), students should begin studying Portuguese as soon as they are selected.	CISI Bolduc B	
Canada	15-17y11m	No	Quebec Province, French Speaking only.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	

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Chile	15-17.5	Not all Districts	3 Optional tours available ($1200-1400 each)	CISI Bolduc B	
Columbia	15-18.5	No	Parental Travel Permission Form required	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Croatia	15-under 19 by 9/1/15	No	Language Camp ($400), Optional tours offered, school expenses ($500)	Local ($75/month) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Czech Rep /Slovakia	16-under 19 by 9/1/15	Yes/undergrads preferred	Two optional trips offered, €300 Emergency Fund, school expenses ($500)	Local (€500) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Denmark	16 -17y11m	No	Residency Permit (approx. $275), voluntary Eurotour ($1,750)	CISI Bolduc B	
Ecuador	15-18.5	Yes	Mandatory Language Camp (Approx. $400). Mandatory Trip ($350), 2 Optional Trips offered (Approx. 630-1300).	CISI Bolduc B	
Finland	16-17y11m	Yes, possibly	Students attend first a 1 week language camp (no charge), 1 mandatory trip ($600), Optional trip to St. Petersburg ($300). Optional Eurotour ($2500).	CISI Bolduc B	
France	**15-17y5m by 8/26/15**	No	2 yrs. French. NO VEGETARIANS. **A copy of the student's and parents essays in French must accompany the applications if France is the student's first choice.** Optional tours available.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Germany ***	15-17.5	No	It is expected that a student arrives with a basic knowledge of German. Some districts are requiring the purchase of Rosetta Stone. Some districts require a language camp, possible additional cost. Optional tours available. Learning German and getting involved in their host families and the German culture is very important. Strict rules on independent ravel and family visits.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Hungary	16-18.5	Yes	Language Camp ($400), optional tours available, emergency fund ($300), 1st week of August arrival	CISI Bolduc B	
Iceland	15-18.5	No		Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
India	15-18.5	Yes	Mid July Departure. Optional tours may be available	CISI Bolduc B	
Italy	16-18	Yes	Must have basic Italian upon arrival. Optional tours available. Must learn Italian and good school performance is expected.	Local (€300) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Indonesia	15-18.5	Yes	None	Local ($620) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Japan	15-18.0	No	Some districts require a language camp. Usually 2 or 3 trips (up to ¥100,00)	Local insurance ($2500) plus CISI Bolduc A.	
Mexico	15-18.5	No	Basic understanding of Spanish required	CISI Bolduc B	
Netherlands	15-18.5	No	Visa - €600, Mandatory Insurance - €450, Mandatory Language Camp - €250, Mandatory Tour - €1,100 (All costs in Euros)	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Norway	16-17y 11 m	No	Language Camp (approx. $425), optional ski trip ($425), Optional Eurotour (approx. $2,400).	CISI Bolduc B	

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Paraguay	15-18.5	Yes	3 Mandatory Camps ($300 total), Optional Language Course ($200), Optional trips available	CISI Bolduc B	
Peru	15-18.0	Yes	3 Day Camp ($90), Optional tours available.	Local ($650) plus CISI Bolduc A.	
Poland	15 - 18.5	Yes	2 week Language Camp ($450), Mandatory Trips (€500-€1200), Optional tours available, $300 Emergency Fund, Arrive before Aug 10	CISI Bolduc B	
Romania	15-18.5	Yes	None	CISI Bolduc B	
Russia	16 -18.5	Yes	Mandatory tour ($1600)	CISI Bolduc B	
South Korea	15-18.5	No	Language Class 3 times a week. Optional trips available (up to $2,500)	CISI Bolduc B	
Spain ***	15.5-17.5	No	2 years of Spanish and above average grades. Optional trips available. Any medications or serious illnesses, physical or mental that are NOT reported on the application must be reported prior to departure. Students will be sent home for not report any new medical conditions. Very strict rules on independent travel and family visits.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Sweden	16 – 18.0	No	Language Camp $300	CISI Bolduc B	
Switzerland	15-17.5	No	3 week language camp is compulsory. Students can be exempted from this language camp when they have studied German/French 3 years or more (after an online language test). Approx. 800 Swiss Francs. To be placed in French speaking area, student must speak excellent French and be and outstanding student. On-line Rosetta Stone free to inbounds. Optional trips available. Switzerland is one of the most expensive countries in Europe (expensive to go there as an exchange student). Very strict rules on independent travel and family visits.	Local ($925) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Taiwan	15-18.5	Yes	Self Study Language course. Optional tours (up to $1000)	Some Districts require their own insurance plus CISI Bolduc A. Some district will accept CISI Bolduc B	

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Thailand	15 -18.5	Yes	Some areas have required sightseeing trips at additional cost. Optional tours available. Students must be aware of the culture. Girls will usually have someone with them everywhere. Extra body piercings and tattoos are forbidden and cannot be exposed. A sense of humor and pleasant attitude are highly regarded. A loss of face or public embarrassment is taken seriously. Thai are a reserved people and usually consider criticism of others to be in poor taste. Speaking loudly or showing anger is public is offensive. Cleverness is admired and personal connections are seen as important in achieving success and wealth.	Some Districts require their own insurance plus CISI Bolduc A. Some district will accept CISI Bolduc B	
Turkey	16-18.5	Yes	Optional tours available	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
USA (Canada)	15-18.5	Yes	For French Canadian Students Only	CISI Bolduc B	
Venezuela	15-18.5	Yes	No (If language class is required to reach proficiency, it is at the student's expense), optional trips available	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	

*** Application cannot be sent to host country without a copy of a valid passport,

Selections of District Chair for this Student are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Signature of Chair sending application: _____

Signature of Student _____

I understand I could be sent to any my country selections.

All prices are approximate as of 18 September 2014. They are subject to change.