



The following is a list of countries that ESSEX exchanges with in 2018-19. 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.

Updated on 29 September 2017

Please advise all students at the interview that they need to apply for their passport immediately. ESSEX is requiring that all applications include a valid passport. A student cannot be placed until there is a copy of a valid passport. A passport must be good until February, 2020 to be valid.

| 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 arri | 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 travel and family visits | Local plus CISI Bolduc A | |
| Belgium | 16.5-under 19 by 8/1/18 | Yes | Preferably no VEGETARIANS (Depends on host families), optional tours available | 1 District Local plus CISI Bolduc A, 2 districts accept 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 8/1/18 | Yes/Undergraduates preferred | Some districts have language camps (\$150-800) but all students should begin studying Portuguese as soon as they are selected. Various tours offered (2000-5000). | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Canada | 15-17y11m | No | Quebec Province, French Speaking only. | Local plus CISI Bolduc A | |
| Chile | 15-18.0 | Not all Districts | 3 Optional tours available (\$1200-1400 each) | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Colombia | 15-18.0 | No | Parental Travel Permission Form required | CISI Bolduc B | |

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| Croatia | 15.5- 17.5 by 8/1/18 | No | Language Camp (\$400), Optional tours offered, school expenses (\$500) | May use CISI Bolduc B, but will need to pay and then request reimbursement | |
| Czech Rep /Slovakia | 15.5-under 19 by 9/1/18 | Yes/undergrads preferred | Two optional trips offered, €300 Emergency Fund, school expenses (\$500) | Local (€500) plus CISI Bolduc A | |
| Denmark | 15.5-18.5 | No | Residency Permit (approx. \$275), voluntary Eurotour (\$1,750) | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Ecuador | 15-under 17y11m | Yes | Mandatory Language Camp (approx. \$500), 4 trips: Amazon approx. \$720 and Galapagos approx. \$1600 optional; Beach Tour: no cost; Ecuador tour, approx \$900 - student pays half. | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Estonia | 15.5-18.5 | Yes, possibly | Students attend first a 1-week language camp in Finland (no charge), 1 mandatory trip (\$600), Optional trip to St. Petersburg (\$300). Optional Eurotour (\$2500). | 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 8/26/18 | 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 travel and family visits. Will not accept Home-Schooled Students | Local plus CISI Bolduc A | |
| Hungary | 15.5-18.0 by 9/1/18 | No | Language Camp (\$400), optional tours available, emergency fund (\$300), 1 st week of August arrival | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Iceland | 15-18.5 | No | Visa Costs (\$200), optional Eurotour (approximately €2,000) | Local (\$950) plus CISI Bolduc A | |
| India | 15-18.5 | Yes | Mid July Departure. Optional tours may be available | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Italy | 16-18.0 | 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 ¥100,000) | Local insurance (\$2500) plus CISI Bolduc A. | |
| Latvia | 16-18.0 (born between 8/1/2000 and 8/1/2002) | No | Language Camp \$300 | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Mexico | 15-18.5 | No | Basic understanding of Spanish required | CISI Bolduc B | |

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| Norway | 16-17y 11 m | No | Language Camp (approx. \$425), optional ski trip (\$425), Optional Eurotour (approx. \$2,400). | CISI Bolduc B | |
| Paraguay | 15-18.5 | Yes | 3 Mandatory Camps (\$300 total), Optional Language Course (\$200), Optional trips available | CISI Bolduc B | |
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| Peru | 15-18.0 | Yes | 3 Day Camp (\$90), Optional tours available. | Local (\$650) plus CISI Bolduc A. | |
| Poland | 15 - 17.5by 9/1/18 | 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 | |
| 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 | Must have studied French or German. 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 | |
| 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 | |

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| Turkey | 16-18.5 | Yes | Mandatory trips (\$1620) and two other optional tours available (approx. \$350-\$500 each) | Local (\$900) plus CISI Bolduc A | |

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Iceland, Norway, and Sweden can only be a 1st choice. You cannot use these 3 countries for choices 2-5. You can only have 1 of this countries on your selection list.

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 26 September 2017. They are subject to change.