rotary youth exchange

DISTRICT 2150 INBOUND STUDENTS RULES & GUIDELINES

TO ALL GUEST STUDENTS IN DISTRICT 2150 (BELGIUM)

1. INBOUND STUDENT GUIDELINES [Attached document]
By signing this document, you fully understand and agree to follow the "Inbound Student Rules & Guidelines" for the four Belgian Districts.

2. HOMESICKNESS

The best remedy against homesickness is participation to the family and Rotary Club life. It is important that the student tries to meet the members of his/her host Rotary Club anytime, meet other exchange students from time to time, participate to the school activities as often as possible. The meetings of exchange students in any pub are not allowed.

3. LANGUAGE

The student must do a maximum effort to learn, as quick as possible, the local language of his/her Host District. For D2150, the local language is FRENCH. Learning French is also an excellent way to succeed in his/her local integration. If he/she doesn't learn quickly enough the local language he/she will also face problems to follow courses at school.

If after 4 to 5 months (maximum), the student doesn't know enough the local language of his/her host District, he/she may be convoked to the Student Exchange Program Commission to explain why he/she doesn't learn correctly the local District language.

The Commission may take the decision to send him/her back home.

4. SCHOOL

This program is a **Student Exchange Program**. This means that all the students must go to school. Each student must be present to all school courses. Not participating to the school faces him/her to an early return.

After a few months all students should be able to pass all exams of each session.

5. WORK

The exchange students are not allowed to accept a "student job". In other words, an exchange student may not accept any paid work.

6. ALL STUDENTS MUST OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Standard Rotary Youth Exchange Program rules are in force (4 D's):

- [No Drink] Drinking alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. If the host family offers the student a drink of alcohol, it is permissible to accept it under their supervision, in their home.
 Student gatherings are formally prohibited in public places except when organised either by the Rotary District or Club. More generally, it is strictly forbidden to go to places where alcohol consumption is heavy.
 (Among other places like "le carré" in Liège or the "Celtica" or the "Delirium" in Brussels are forbidden ...);
- [No Drug] The student is not permitted to possess or use drugs, except those prescribed by a physician;
- [No Drive] The student is not permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind;
- [No Date] The student should avoid romantic attachments. Sexual activity is forbidden;



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- The student will respect the laws of the host country and they will not offend against politics, religion and customs;
- The student will accept and follow the advice, guidance and direction of the Host District Chairman, District Officers, Club Youth Exchange Officer, Counselor and Host Parents;
- The student will keep and maintain him/herself in a clear, neat, and tidy condition at all time and share normal household duties;
- An exemplary behavior is mandatory under all circumstances;
- The student will go back home on completion of the exchange program;
 - o [For INBOUNDS arrived in July/August] He/She'll go back home between 20th of June 2023 and 5th of July 2023, not earlier nor later;
 - o [For INBOUNDS arrived in January] He/She'll go back home between 5th of January 2024 and 20th of January 2024, not earlier nor later;

7. WARNINGS / EARLY RETURN

Disciplinary procedures:

- By rules breach: Warning 1, Warning 2, than EARLY RETURN;
- By serious rules breach, ONLY ONE Warning than EARLY RETURN;
- By very serious rules breach, Immediate EARLY RETURN.

8. PHONE and DATA

Long distance phone calls should only be made with the permission of his/her host parents. The student must always pay for his/her phone calls. The student has to limit the use of e-mail / social networks with his/her home country and his/her natural parents. The use of Mobile phone will be at his/her own expenses. Use of Internet even with his/her own portable computer should be agreed with his/her host family (connection time, schedule, costs ...).

9. VISITORS

The student's natural parents should not visit their children during the exchange. However all visits are to be agreed beforehand by the host family, the host Club and the host District.

During the first six (6) months no visit is allowed.

Afterwards they may be tolerated but only during school holidays.

District 2150 will not tolerate visits from friends. However if a friend of the student is in Belgium for some other reason and wishes to spend one (1) day with the student, the Rotary will do his best to make that accommodation after the student has been in Belgium for at least six (6) months.

The student is required to comply strictly with these requirements, if he/she don't want to face an early return.

10. AGE

If the student is 18 years old or more, he/she accepts to be considered as underaged and to remain under the authority of the Rotary.



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Finally the student needs to always keep in mind that he/she is the key that opens the door to future exchange students and if the host family or the school do not enjoy his/her presence because of a negative experience, he/she will close their home or school for ever to other exchange students.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE COMMITMENTS WILL BE SANCTIONED BY AN EXCLUSION FROM THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH IMMEDIATE EARLY RETURN HOME.

The undersigned student understands the Rules & Conditions of the Rotary Exchange Program and agrees to abide by them for the entire duration of its exchange in Belgium.

LASTNAME, First name
Signature date: / (day/month/year
[Initials each page and fully sign the last one]