CCI SPANISH SCHOOL to SCHOOL Exchange Program

Program Description

The non-profit Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI), working in association with the Foundation for the Future in Madrid, Spain, matches American and Spanish high schools for an educational partnership designed to foster international friendships and bring your classroom curriculum to life.

Once matched through a free application process, the American high school typically hosts a group of students from the Spanish partner school for a two or three week academic exchange during the autumn months. The Spanish students attend classes and take part in programmed activities while living with host families in your school community. In return, your school has the option to send a group of students to the public or private partner high school in Spain the following spring. There they will live with Spanish families and enjoy a similar program of enriching academic and cultural experiences.

An ideal project for Spanish classes, this program will allow your students to discover the Spanish language and culture the best way possible, through first-hand experience. Living with Spanish host families while attending school will immerse your students in the Spanish lifestyle, leaving them with a deepened understanding of the language and culture that is impossible to learn exclusively from textbooks.

While clearly an excellent learning experience for students of Spanish, the entire student body can benefit from the exchange. Teachers & administrators will find that the program provides limitless opportunities to incorporate cultural exchange into courses throughout the curriculum.

Your School’s Role

As a partnering institution, your high school will cooperate directly with a school in Spain to create and coordinate a mutually beneficial true exchange. As a receiving school, you would be responsible for organizing your program and recruiting the host families. The professional staff at the CCI National Office in Chicago provides key communications, organizational, and travel support throughout the exchange. If your school chooses to send a group of students to Spain, your Spanish partner school will responsible for organizing the program in Spain supported by the Foundation for the Future.

Program Components

- Welcome orientation
- Room and board with a volunteer host family
- Participation in regular school classes
- Two cultural activities per week
- Two full-day during the program
- 24 hour contact for emergencies
- Round trip airport transfers to the nearest airport

Provided by CCI:

- International air travel
- Medical / accident insurance
- CCI National Office support
**Dates and Duration**

A typical program lasts two to three weeks. Usually the Spanish students go to the U.S. in the fall and the American students travel to Spain in the spring. Dates are flexible and can be negotiated between the cooperating high schools.

**Number of Students**

Most groups consist of 10-20 students escorted by one teacher. Groups may be larger or smaller depending on the needs and resources of the partner schools.

**Costs**

There is no fee to participate as a receiving school. Because this is a reciprocal exchange program, schools can travel for a very low cost compared with other group programs: approximately $1,200 to 1,500 per student, which includes airfare, medical/accident insurance and CCI support. One teacher travels free with a group of 12 or more students.

For a modest additional cost, exciting overnight excursions to Madrid, Barcelona, Seville and other Spanish cities can be arranged.

*Note:* If they so desire, American schools have the option of hosting a Spanish group without sending their own students abroad.

**How to Participate**

To begin an enriching educational partnership with a Spanish school or for additional details, please contact Ed Ruse, CCI Area Representative in Raleigh: (919) 649-4252 / edruse@usa.com.