

# Ten ways to help your exchange students become successful

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1. Assign a “buddy” to introduce them to the school
  2. Let the student know the expectations from the beginning
  3. Introduce them at start-of-the-year class assemblies
  4. Introduce them at a staff meeting
  5. Display their nations’ flags
  6. Customize your monitoring
  7. Arrange speaking opportunities for the students
  8. Form an exchange student group to process experiences
  9. Assess their interests and get them involved in related activities
  10. Assign adult mentors who care
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# What schools should expect from exchange students

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- Complete work and participate in class.
  - Keep critical observations to yourself.
  - US school rules are more restrictive—get used to it.
  - Expect good things.
  - It is your job to adjust to your circumstances—they will not adjust to you.
  - Share problems with your counselor, but don't become dependent.
  - Ask for help if you are having language problems, but give yourself time to learn.
  - Savor the differences you encounter—that is why you came.
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# What Exchange Organizations Need from Schools

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- A single staff member to serve as the school contact
  - A clear policy
  - A willingness to accept student challenges
  - An understanding of placement challenges
  - Open communication regarding problems and successes
  - Cooperation
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## What Schools Expect from Exchange Organizations

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- ❑ Adherence to school policies
  - ❑ Observance of CSJET standards
  - ❑ Complete and timely paperwork
  - ❑ Responsiveness
  - ❑ Adequate screening of host families and students
  - ❑ Customize your interactions to the needs of the particular school—not all are alike
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# Surefire ways to lose a school

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- ❑ Go over the head of the school contact
  - ❑ Complain about the school to families or other schools
  - ❑ Beg for placement after quota is filled
  - ❑ “Fudge” paperwork
  - ❑ Tell a family to complain
  - ❑ Disrespect school authority
  - ❑ Minimize student issues
  - ❑ Insist on more services for the student
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**Student exchange is a  
people business!**

**Develop relationships**

