

Inbound Student Rules

ARRIVAL: Being here at the start of school is mandatory.

1. Students should arrive within the deadline set by RYE Switzerland/Liechtenstein. This is related to the start of school. Since each canton is different, the deadline will be set later. - **It is in the first three weeks of August or in the first week of January.**
2. Passports, visas and transportation are to be paid for by the parents of the students. The validity of the passports must cover the full period of the exchange program plus 3 months.
3. Attendance at the Inbound Welcome Orientation is mandatory for all students. The date will be communicated in time.
4. The attendance of the immersion language camp or course at the beginning of the exchange year is compulsory for all inbound students. **The parents of the inbound are willing and agree to pay for this language camp/course prior to arrival** (only the fee for the teacher and not for boarding and accommodation).
5. All students must have **an open return round trip flight ticket** with the possibility to later adapt the date of their return flight. **No return home before the end of the school year, respectively no earlier than the end of June and no later than middle of July or January Inbounds: No return home before the first week January, respectively no later than middle of January.**
6. Students are required to enrol at Kantonsschule/Gymnasium (High School) selected by their host club, attend classes regularly, do the homework, write the tests, and participate in school life and environment.
7. At Swiss schools, it is not common for exchange students to receive grades, as the students are usually not able to follow lessons in German with any consistency. The exams are written as an exercise but not graded. - Therefore, there are no credits that can be earned for the school year in Switzerland. Look at this year as an experience and not to skip a step in your academic career.
8. Direct contact with the school is not permitted in advance and must be made through the appropriate Rotary club. Schedules will be discussed with the YEO or host family, or the school will inquire you directly. Unauthorized interactions may result in the exclusion of exchange students from certain organizations. The selection of the school is casual and related to the available study space. They are public and prestigious schools of high standards. - There are no special requests with private schools.
9. Students are required to attend and participate in the District Conferences at the expense of the District or Host Club.
10. Students are expected to attend (a) Host Rotary Club meetings (b) Rotary and Youth Exchange functions and (c) compulsorily attend events marked as such on your calendars - these functions come ahead of social events.

11. Students are expected to become part of their host family by taking part in activities and responsibilities. Each host family is unique and respect must be shown to customs and way of life.
12. Hitchhiking is absolutely forbidden.
13. Students are not allowed to sign contracts on their own (e.g. hiring rooms or houses, mobile phone contracts, etc.) during their exchange even if by law they are old enough (to be of age). Any contracts must be counter-signed by the student Swiss YEO.
14. Students are expected to observe and obey the laws of Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
15. Students must remember they are ambassadors of their country and their behaviour must reflect this at all time.
16. Smoking is prohibited.
17. Students must follow the rules and guidelines of the RI International Youth Exchange Program and accept the rules and requirements regarding travelling, language schooling and insurance purchase of the Rotary Youth Exchange Switzerland/Liechtenstein association. Except from insurance are those from Australia, New Zealand. European need the EHIC.

STUDENTS MUST ABIDE BY THE 6 D RULES

1. No Drugs
(except approved medicines for valid medical reasons)
2. No driving of motor vehicles of any kind
3. No serious dating, no sex
4. No drinking of alcohol
5. No downloading/uploading of prohibited material, e.g. pornography, negative comments on host family/school/the Rotary programme on the social media like Facebook, Twitter, etc.
6. No body decoration (piercings, tattoos, etc.)

1. No Drugs (except for valid medical reasons)

The drug rule is not negotiable and covers all drugs both hard and soft and temptations should not be given into. The possession or consumption of illicit drugs is a breach of the laws of Switzerland and Liechtenstein and as such is strictly prohibited under the program. Students must not use cultivated, manufactured or any legal drugs (INCLUDING "PARTY PILLS") or prohibited or restricted substances unless prescribed by a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Any student breaking this law will be immediately expelled from the program and repatriated.

2. No Driving of motor vehicles of any kind.

The driving rule is not negotiable due to insurance regulations.

3. No Serious Dating, no sex

The dating rule is designed so that students feel free to mix with and make friends with a wide range of Swiss and Liechtenstein people. Steady dating between a student and another individual is not accepted for a variety of reasons e.g. spending too much time with one person at the exclusion of the

broad aspects of the Youth Exchange Program, forming attachments which are broken off at the end of the exchange, etc. Furthermore, students are asked to abstain from sexual relationships.

4. No Drinking of alcohol

The definition of the no drinking rule in MD Switzerland / Liechtenstein gives the students permission to partake of alcohol in controlled situations such as with a host family. Drunkenness and inebriation is unacceptable. Any student caught breaking this rule may be repatriated.

5. No Downloading/uploading of prohibited or inappropriate material, i.e. pornography

The downloading rule applies to deliberate downloading of explicit or inappropriate material; the student is expected to respect the host family's computer. The amount of time a student should spend on the computer per day should be discussed on the first night. Obviously common sense needs to be exercised in the use of any access to the Internet.

6. No Body decoration

The no body decoration rule applies to tattooing and piercing of the nose, tongue, belly button etc excluding ear piercing. We would warn students that there is a possibility of hepatitis and other diseases being transmitted through tattooing.

The student confirm that they have read and understood these Inbound Student rules and agree to abide by them.

I (*student's name*): _____

realize that failure to comply with the rules could require that I return home early at my expense.

Place and date: _____

Signed by student: _____

Her/his parents confirm that they have read and understood these Inbound Student rules. The parents sign that they have been explained the purpose of the Rotarian exchange and accept it.

Your child should concentrate on the foreign language and new culture during this year and not be forced at the same time on the school career in the home country.

After all, it is only one year in life - but for the young people it is a new life in one year.

Place and date: _____

Signed by parents: _____

These Student Inbound Rules must immediately be signed and uploaded to Rotary Youth Exchange Association Switzerland / Liechtenstein YEAH-Database by the Link we sent to you. Thanks.