

# Public vs. Private Schools, Host Expenses, Placement Locations

While the majority of students attend public (tuition-free) schools, some host family's teenagers attend private school and want an exchange student living in their home to attend the same one.

In other cases the public school has a quota, a deadline, a maximum or minimum age, denies students who graduated in their country, prefers graduated students, favors one organization, is overcrowded, is in a building renovation, is unsafe or unwelcoming, or your academic or English level is not high enough for them. *In such cases we may have to search for a private school.*

All U.S. exchange programs are regulated by the federal government and have a quota of J-1 visas they are limited to issue each year. By the time you apply, our organization's allocation may be used up, in which case if you don't want to wait for the next school term a nearby private school's I-20 will have to be used for an F-1 visa to attend there.

While some require students to be a practicing Christian or Catholic to be admitted, the main pre-requisite is that students be at least average or above academically, be of good moral character and behavior, be able to read, write, and speak English at least at an intermediate level, and have parents willing to pay tuition. This makes it easier and quicker to place YOU.

**Tuition Fees** at these schools average from \$2,000--\$4,000/semester. This cost is in addition to the Program Fees quoted by your International Representative. If you want your child to be considered for these schools, please indicate your preference below and the maximum tuition you are willing to pay. Before your child's placement is confirmed, we will contact you with the tuition & fees asked by the school, at which time you have the option of accepting or rejecting the private school or making a counter offer. Sometimes the program can negotiate a lower rate.

\_\_\_ Do not consider my child's application for a Private School Program. We cannot afford it.

Do Consider my child for: Tuition range/ semester (1/2 year): (check one) \_\_\_ \$1000 - \$1,500  
\_\_\_ \$2,000 - \$3,500  
\_\_\_ \$4,000 or more

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum School Tuition Fee we are willing to pay *per semester* (in U.S. dollars).

**Host Expense:** Both public and private schools may also charge additional fees for books, uniforms, team sports and other extracurricular activities, etc. Public and private schools have cafeterias where students can buy lunch. Some bring it from home. Again, these costs vary from \$1.50-\$5.00. \$220 a semester is about average for a standard lunch plan without extras. Some families are not willing to host unless the student buys his/her own lunch.

Due to the cost of sending their own kids to private school, some families will not host unless they are compensated for all meals and even extra gas spent taking a student places or picking up from sports practices. \$150-400/month is the common range of hosting fees asked.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum Hosting Expense Fee we are willing to pay *per month* (in U.S. dollars).

**Geographic Placement** is now optional in or near *Pennsylvania vs. Nationwide* and affects the trip. Check or fill in all the appropriate lines below and fax to 570-277-0607 or email to your rep.

\_\_\_ \*Consider my child for nationwide placement. \_\_\_ Consider only Pennsylvania or nearby.  
\_\_\_ \*We are willing to pay \$300+ extra for airfare to attend the Spring trip. \_\_\_ \*Forfeit the trip.

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Parent's Signatures

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Student's Name (print clearly)

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Date