

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **1. Could you clarify the pre-selection process?**

The list of candidates will be presented to the Class Council of January for validation. The Class Council is composed of all teachers of your child. They will assess whether the pupil will manage to catch up by himself/herself when he/she comes back, appropriate behaviour,...

Then the list will be validated by the Management. Preference is given to:

- students who have the language of the host country in their school curriculum (L2, L3, L4). The L1 is the language that the student is supposed to master. If the student chooses a country where his/her L1 is spoken, he will be included in the list, but he won't have priority.
- one-to-one exchanges (families agree to host one pupil).

### **2. What is the ideal host student for the host school?**

In principle, the student whose curriculum best matches the host school's curriculum.

In the Guidelines on Organizing Students' Mobility from and to the European Schools, it is specified that the curriculum of the visiting pupil should be replicated in the host school as much as possible. The host school facilitates the pupil with the compulsory subjects attended at the sending school and with as many of the optional subjects as possible.

### **3. If our child does not want to do any mobility, can a student from another European School be invited to stay with our family?**

Yes, you can host a student from another European School even if your child doesn't participate in the mobility. If you are willing to do so, please let me know and I will include you in the list of host families.

### **4. Is it possible to make the exchange with a school based in a country of my child's L4 language to improve her L4 skills.**

Yes, you can apply for a school based in a country of your child's L4 language.

### **5. In the list we received there are European schools but also accredited European schools. Is there a difference in terms of cost, programmes,...? The ES are financed by our institutions, but the accredited schools remain fee-paying schools.**

The Accredited European Schools follow the same programme as the European Schools, though they may have less sections.

In principle, the costs covered by our school should be covered by the accredited school. For further information, please contact directly the accredited school you are interested in.

### **6. How much must be paid to the hosting family?**

In case of exchanges, no payment is expected.

In case of a one-way mobility, the sending and the host family may find an arrangement for covering incumbent costs.

### **7. How many students did mobilities?**

A total of 22 students have participated in the school mobility of 2024-2025.

In 2023-2024, there was a total of 19.

Mobilities work mainly as exchanges between schools. For example, if two pupils from Varèse select our school, two (or maybe three) of our pupils can go to Varèse. Therefore, if there is a

total of 25 pupils willing to come to our school, we will probably be able to send 25 students or more.

**8. Is it possible to do the exchange in S6?**

The school mobility programme is only intended for students of S5. Students who leave for a mobility in S6 will be disenroll from our school and they will have to enroll again when they come back. The risk is that they may be enrolled in another European school.

**9. Can we receive an exchange student one year later?**

You may choose to do so, however host schools prefer you accommodate the student the same school year.

**10. When pre-selecting applications at EEB1, do you make a difference between applications for European Schools and applications for accredited European Schools?**

No, we don't.

You can find more information at:

<https://www.eeb1.com/en/pedagogical-information/echanges-entre-ecoles-europeennes/>

<https://www.eeb1.com/fr/informations-dordre-pedagogique/echanges-entre-ecoles-europeennes/>