



## Coming in September:

Applications for the 2017 Lexington-Deauville Student Summer Exchange Program will be available in September. Applications may be found here, with your French teacher, or your counselor.

The purpose of the Lexington-Deauville Exchange Program is to provide a genuine family experience in another country for the students of Central Kentucky and those of Deauville, France.

The American student's parent(s) must be willing and able to receive a French student in their home for approximately the same length of time as the American student is in France, but not simultaneously. The French and the American should be together for both parts of the exchange. We will choose students who exhibit maturity, flexibility, and a genuine interest in the French language and culture. Students and families will be selected based on their willingness to commit to the program, rules and goals. **Students over the age of 18 before June 1, 2017 will not be considered for this program.**

Applicants should be willing to stay approximately 3 weeks in the summer of 2017. You should be prepared to incur an expense of approximately \$1,800 (financial aid is available to cover airfare). Students will travel as a group. The only other expenses would be personal (ex: souvenirs, passport, gifts). The host family provides room and board.

### **Rules of the Lexington-Deauville Exchange Program**

1. **School:** If school in Deauville is in session, you are expected to attend. You should participate in school activities and get acquainted with other students. Above all else – try to speak French!
2. **Illness:** In case of illness, do as your host family advises. If you are seriously ill, or in an emergency, they will contact your parents.
3. **Trips:** Travel is permitted and encouraged with the host family or on organized school or committee trips. **Under no circumstances are you allowed to travel alone or with your French counterpart** without the supervision of your French parents.
4. **Passports:** You must secure a valid U.S. passport – do this early. The committee will advise you on the necessary visa, if applicable.
5. **Driving:** You are not permitted to drive while in Europe. To do so is a serious offense which will result in your being sent home. This is for your own personal safety and for insurance and liability considerations.
6. **Computers and Cell Phones:** This is a time for a personal exchange between two cultures. Phone calls, texting and laptop computers can monopolize one's time and be deterrents to personal interactions. We advise that you not take a cell phone or laptop.
7. **Reciprocity:** Your family must agree to keep a French student for approximately the same length of time as you spend with a French family. You will be matched with a French student by the Lexington and Deauville Committees. When matching, consideration will be given to gender, interests, and age; you will be making a commitment to stay with your exchange partner for the duration of the exchange.
8. **Personal Conduct:** Each student is expected to obey the rules of the house regarding curfew and other matters. You are expected to participate as if you were a member of your French family, and you are to treat your French parents with the same respect you afford your own. Although some behavior is acceptable in your home, it may not be acceptable in someone else's home. As a guest, you must respect the customs and rules of your host family. Remember, you are representing your family, your school, Lexington, and the United States as an exchange student, and you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner above reproach. Otherwise, you may be sent home at your parents' expense.
9. **Interviews/Orientations:** Both students and parents will be required to attend interviews conducted by the Lexington-Deauville Committee. Upon acceptance into the program, both students and parents will be required to attend **all** orientation sessions.
10. **Sister Cities Involvement:** In order to help maintain the success of the exchange program, you will be expected to participate in future programs (assist with orientations; write a report on your experience, volunteer at fundraisers, etc.)

After applications have been received, interviews will be set up for both students and parents. Upon acceptance in this program, monthly orientations will be held to prepare students for the trip.