

CHCSA 2026-2027 Teacher Chaperone Information

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a teacher chaperone for the program year! Please see below information regarding the requirements and responsibilities for the program. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of our members.

Trip Details:

- 1) Trip's Purpose- To give members of our delegation (students and adults) the opportunity to foster positive relationships and appreciation of our respective cultures
- 2) Potential Chaperones will be interviewed during the week of September 14th. Interviews will be online and typically last 30 minutes.
- 3) If selected, chaperones will participate in the student home interviews and selection process. Home interviews will be scheduled for September 19th and the 20th. Participation is required so that chaperones can start learning about the students they will be responsible for working with and chaperoning during the program year. Interviews will be from 9am-5:00pm
- 4) Hosting Dates-Saturday, October 24th through Sunday, November 1st. Chaperones are expected to participate in events including Welcoming Ceremony on Saturday, October 24th, Farewell Party on Friday, October 30th, and Hsinchu departure, November 1st. Chaperones are welcome to participate in other events throughout the week.
- 5) Travel Dates- The group will fly out on the night of Friday, April 9th 2027 and return on Sunday, April 18th 2027 (the week of Spring Break).
- 6) Cost to Teacher/Chaperone- \$600 to help with the cost of the round-trip airfare, All other costs, including room/food/travel, will be covered by the Sister City Association. This will be collected as we prepare for travel to Hsinchu.
- 7) Food/Lodging- All your meals will be taken care of (you'll have opportunities to taste a variety of the best Taiwanese/Chinese food), and you will stay in a 4 or 5 star hotel that provides a full American, European, or Asian buffet Breakfast- whichever you prefer.
- 8) Primary Responsibilities - Assist in interviewing and selecting student delegation; accompany/chaperone the students on the plane; visit various schools the students visit during the days; attend official city/school meetings, luncheons and dinners arranged by the program hosts in Hsinchu. Deal effectively with any problems our kids might have during their stay there which might require email or phone correspondence with their parents back home; and smile a lot and do your best to be a good diplomat and enjoy your experience there.
- 9) Attend all host family and cultural training dates-These dates help students and families prepare for hosting and include reviewing schedules and expectations. Cultural Training dates will be sent out in December and will help prepare students for travel to Hsinchu. Meeting dates are typically on Mondays in the evenings.

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The selected chaperon teacher will be a member of the 2026-2027 Student Exchange Program, and is required to attend/support other activities by the CHSCA for 2026-2027.

Requirements and Desirable Qualifications

1. Must be a Credentialed Staff Member of either CUSD or FUHSD.
2. Be a responsive and enthusiastic teacher who likes traveling with kids for educational reasons.
3. Has some travel experience, preferably abroad.
4. Interest and openness for experiencing and learning more about foreign cultures particularly Asian culture(s).
5. Previous experience chaperoning students is a plus.
6. Must be a US Citizen or legal resident with a valid green card. Please check your passport that it is up to date.

Please submit your forms by Monday, September 14th @ 5:00pm so we can schedule an online interview shortly after. You will also need to submit a 500 word personal statement on why you believe you should be a chaperone for this exchange program and a current resume. Submit your personal statement to Chia Ching Lin at (lin_chiaching@cusdk8.org) and Angelo Noguera at (noguera_angelo@cusdk8.org) prior to your interview date and please include your name in the document title.

If you have any questions, please email Angelo Noguera, noguera_angelo@cusdk8.org