

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM BILBAO & SAN DIEGO 2022



### ¡Bienvenidos!

Thanks for your interest in the student exchange program! Below you will find some of the most important information about how the program works. Also, [here is a link](#) to a powerpoint presentation with more details. If you still have questions feel free to email Ms. Rizzo at [krizzo@powayusd.com](mailto:krizzo@powayusd.com)

### What is the exchange program?

**Part I:** In June your child will travel to Spain to stay with the family of the student you will host in August (after school starts). There they will learn the ins and outs of Spanish life.

\*If certain circumstances only allows your family to participate in one part of the exchange please, let us know and we will explain how that will work.

**Part II:** Host a Spanish exchange student in August(after school starts) . The exchange student group will have pre arranged excursions on weekdays. In the evenings and on weekends, your family will have the opportunity to show the Spaniards what real American life is like!

### Trip to Spain

The trip to Spain will be next summer in **June of 2020** (approximate dates). We do not plan on leaving until after school is finished so that kids will not have to miss any classes or exams. This is imperative since we are on the 4x4 schedule and missing just one day can cause students to fall behind. For the majority of the trip the students will stay with their host families in Bilbao, Spain. During that stay they will explore the entire Basque region (northern part of Spain and a day in southern France). The trip also includes 2 days in Madrid. Some of the trip highlights include:

1. Day excursion to beautiful **San Sebastian**
2. Visit to the renowned **Guggenheim museum** in Bilbao
3. Day trip to coastal cities in southern **France**
4. Visit to the **Oma Forest and kayaking in the Atlantic.**
5. Enjoying the delicious and traditional basque tapas (small plates) - **pintxos!**

### Hosting

Students from Spain will be arriving **August** during the first or second week of school. Expectations of host families are as follows:

1. Spend quality family time with your exchange student on the weekends and evenings. They are here to learn about American culture so your regular evening and weekend routines are great! And don't worry about your Spanish skills, they want to improve their English so the less Spanish you know the better.
2. Provide transportation for the student to and from Rancho Bernardo High School on school days. Carpooling, walking and biking are all great modes of transportation.
3. Provide a private bed for the student, sharing a room with host sibling of same gender is OK.
4. Provide 3 meals a day.

5. Treat the exchange student how you would want the Spanish host family to treat your child in Spain.

#### Benefits of an Exchange

Help your child become a strong, confident and smart global citizen! Signing up your child up for this program will give them the opportunity to:

- Participate in real & authentic communication in Spanish
- Gain independence, problem solving skills & self confidence
- Foster an appreciation of home and family
- Create lasting international friendships & connections
- Develop perseverance and the ability to deal with challenging / difficult situations

#### ¿More Questions?

Still have doubts, questions or concerns about the program? We have past participants standing by to answer all your questions! Just shoot me an email [krizzo@powayusd.com](mailto:krizzo@powayusd.com)

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