

P.E.I. – QUÉBEC SIX-MONTH STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Overview

The P.E.I.-Quebec Exchange Program is open to French Immersion and Core French program students in grade 11. Students must apply in Grade 10 to go on exchange in Grade 11, the following year. Each participant is matched with a student from Quebec in the spring of the application year. In the fall of the exchange year, P.E.I. students and their families welcome the Quebec students with whom they were matched into their homes. For three months, the P.E.I. and Quebec students attend school and participate in local activities together. In late January, the P.E.I. students travel to Quebec, and spend three months there living with the Quebec students and their families, attending school, and experiencing Quebec culture.

Benefits

Students who participate in this program see significant improvements in their fluency in French, due to total immersion and regular interaction with native speakers. Participants enjoy many new experiences, and have the opportunity to discover another culture. Through the program, students gain self-confidence, social and communication skills, and independence.

Academic Credit

The credit received for completing the exchange program, FRE521G is now recognized as an optional pre-requisite for FRE621F. This means that students may choose to do the exchange instead of taking FRE521F. They may also complete both. This change will be reflected in the 2019-2020 Senior High Program of Studies.

Cost

There is no fee to participate in this program. If accepted, there is a required deposit of \$200. The deposit is refundable in full upon successful completion of the program in its entirety as outlined in the Participant Guide. A student who does not fulfill all the requirements of the program, including successful completion of FRE521G may not have their deposit refunded. The Department of Education covers the cost of airfare to and from Quebec. Students are responsible for their own spending money during their stay in Quebec. Each family must provide accommodation and meals for the visiting Québec student during their stay, just as the host family will provide accommodation and meals during the P.E.I. student's stay in Quebec.

General Selection Criteria

- Commitment to the program and desire to include the partner student in school and family life
- A strong academic record and evidence of participation in school and community activities
- Willingness to work with teachers to ensure that academic requirements are met, and with program coordinator to ensure prompt, accurate communication
- Personal qualities such as motivation, maturity, sense of responsibility, sense of humour, openness to differences, and adaptability.

How to Sign Up

Students must apply through their schools to participate. Please contact a French teacher at your school to find out whether it currently participates in the P.E.I.-Quebec Exchange Program. If not, please ask the teacher to email the program coordinator at jleblanc@edu.pe.ca for more information.

Information for Schools

To participate in the exchange program, schools must designate a liaison teacher and have administrator approval.



Information for schools about the P.E.I. – Quebec Exchange Program

- P.E.I. students cannot participate in this program without the approval of the school administration.
- The school must fill out the *School Participation Request Form*.
- The principal must sign each student's *Application Form*.

A school that chooses to participate in this program agrees to:

- Appoint a member of the teaching staff who is fluent in French to be the liaison teacher;
- Accept Quebec exchange students within the school for the three-month exchange period and waive any fees and other school costs for these students;
- Collect personal information by means of the application process prescribed by the Ministry;
- Destroy the personal information concerning the applicants and the members of their family at the end of the school year;
- Provide counselling or assistance should the Quebec student require help adjusting to the new school.

A teacher appointed as a liaison teacher agrees to:

- Promote the program at the school, and advise students about the program;
- Collaborate with the program coordinator to arrange and accommodate information sessions within the school;
- Accept completed application forms from students and forward them to the program coordinator;
- Be responsible for greeting and welcoming Québec students in the school on the day of their arrival in September;
- Assist Quebec students with course selection;
- Ensure the assessment report is completed by the P.E.I. teachers, that it is submitted to the program coordinator before the deadline, and that the Quebec students receive a copy before they return home in December;
- Assist the P.E.I. students and their families with academic planning for the exchange year;
- Contribute to the successful administration of the program, as needed.

*A liaison teacher may access release time if necessary to manage unique situations. Please contact the program coordinator if you require assistance.



PEI-QUÉBEC SIX-MONTH STUDENT EXCHANGE – SCHOOL PARTICIPATION FORM

This form is to be completed by administrator and liaison teacher.

Personal Information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act, Section 31(c)*. The personal information you provide will be used by the PEI Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture to process applications received from students at your school and to operate the program within your school. Should you have concerns pertaining to the Program, please contact the Program coordinator at 902.438.4867.

To participate, each school must nominate a liaison teacher who will coordinate the program within the school. Each liaison teacher can be responsible for up to five participating students.

Interested students need not be identified before submitting the School Participation Request Form. There is no penalty if a school signs up but is unable to recruit student participants. Student application does not guarantee participation.

FULL School Name:			
School Address:			
School phone:		School fax:	
Liaison teacher:		Liaison Teacher email:	

By signing and submitting this page, administrators and liaison teachers acknowledge having read and understood the information in the previous pages and indicate agreement to uphold their respective responsibilities.

Administrator name:	Liaison teacher name:
Administrator signature:	Liaison teacher signature:
Date:	Date:

Please return to:
 Jill LeBlanc (jeleblanc@edu.pe.ca)
 Program coordinator
 Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

