

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Language is key component to a successful exchange. We are committed to front loading our youth exchange students with the tools necessary to have some rudimentary language and vocabulary when they arrive in their host country so that they are able to adequately express their wants and needs to their host family immediately.

Our past exchange students continue to say how their lack of vocabulary and their ability to form simple sentences to communicate with their families and schoolmates was a huge disadvantage in the beginning. We want to change that paradigm.

District 5470 recently implemented a stronger commitment to language learning by purchasing a learning module for each OB RYE student to participate in before they depart on their exchange.

Applicant...Are you prepared to devote three hours a week to learning a new language so that when you arrive in your host country you can communicate basic needs and wants to your host family?

Parents... We are looking for your total support in our belief that we want our student ambassadors to arrive with all the tools necessary to have an outstanding year abroad. Are you prepared to support D5470 in stressing the importance of your child spending three hours per week in this endeavor?

I _____ understand that I will be required to work at least 3 hours per week learning my new language in preparation for my exchange until I depart for my assigned country.

Student signature

Date

As parents of _____ we support D5470 emphasis on our child learning the language of her host country. We will encourage and support her need to devote time and priority to this endeavor.

Parent Signature

Date
