

Guidelines for Parents Visiting District 5020

Visits by parents and family members are permitted only with prior permission from the host club and the District Chair. Visits are only permitted during the last three months of the student's exchange. Visits by home country friends are strongly discouraged, and will be allowed only in very special circumstances. Students are not permitted to return home during the exchange year, except in the case of a serious emergency.

Before parents make any travel plans, or purchase any airplane tickets, their visit needs to be approved in writing (email is permitted) by the:

- Student
- The host parents
- The Club Youth Exchange Officer
- The Country Officer
- The District Chair

Failure to get pre approval may result in disappointment and have a financial penalty if tickets are non-refundable.

Visits by parents and family members should occur only during the **last three months** of the student's exchange. The visit must not interfere with the student's school time or other required Rotary events. School will only give permission for the student to be absent if the student is doing well in all of their classes and if they have few previous absences.

If parents plan to travel with their students outside of District 5020, and this travel is approved, they must provide a detailed itinerary of all travel on a provided travel form.

Parents are strongly discouraged from coming at the end of the student's exchange to visit them. Visits will not be allowed during the last 7 days of the student's year. This is a very emotional time for them and they will need this time to say their goodbyes to their new friends and family.

Travel on the Return Trip Home

Students will not be allowed to travel with their natural parents during the last 7 days of their exchange year or to return home with them. All students are required to return home **directly** with no additional travel. Within 24 hours of their departure date their visa to the USA or Canada will be cancelled. Students must depart for home from an airport associated with and approved by District 5020. Breaking this rule may have a negative impact on the student's or the District's ability to get visas in the future. Students must leave their host country on or before the day that their visa expires or by July 15th, whichever comes first. If these rules are broken, the student may be denied a visa to the US or Canada in the future. Failure to follow these rules may also make it harder for students from your country to be a Rotary student in the future.

We, _____ parents of: _____, understand the travel policy and rules regarding parental visits to our child while she/he is on exchange in District 5020. We also understand that all visits must first be approved by the district chair and may be denied if proper arrangements are not met.

We plan to visit our child in District 5020 during his/her year: Yes No Undecided

Approximate dates of visit: _____

Do you wish to travel outside District 5020's boundaries with your child while on your visit?

Yes No Undecided

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

Date

Please provide a brief description of your planned visit on a separate page