

Rotary District 6460 Youth Exchange Travel Policy

This policy is intended to comply with Rotary International's Code of Policies.

The foundation of this policy for Youth Exchange Student travel is their safety and opportunity for cultural experiences.

Travel falls into two categories, overnight and day trips.

All overnight travel, away from the host family primary residence, must be approved in advance by the student's parent or guardian and the student's Youth Exchange Officer. Should the student be traveling with the student's Youth Exchange Officer, either the Youth Exchange Committee Chair or Vice Chair will provide District approval along with the parent or guardian.

Student travel outside the United States during the youth exchange term is rare and requires approval from the District Youth Exchange Chair.

Permitted Overnight travel includes:

- Staying at a classmate's or friend's home located within a 20-mile radius of the host family residence.
- High school sponsored trips and Rotary travel including District or Multi-District sponsored youth exchange events, Central States Rotary Youth Exchange sponsored events and sanctioned bus tours, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, District Conference and Spring Training.
- Sightseeing or attending cultural events with the student's current host family or other adults, including former or future host families or Rotarians, with current clear background checks on file with the District Youth Exchange Committee.

Day trip approval is dependent on the distance to be traveled.

- Travel within a 60-mile radius of the current host family residence does not require approval.
- For travel between 60- and 150-mile radius of the current host family residence requires submission of a travel request form to document the travel and keep the Youth Exchange Officer apprised of the student's activities away from the host family community.
- Travel more than 150 miles from the host family primary residence must be approved in advance by the student's parent or guardian and the student's Youth Exchange Officer. Should the student be traveling with the student's Youth Exchange

Officer, either the Youth Exchange Committee Chair or Vice Chair will provide District approval along with parent.

Transportation

- All forms of commercial transportation including planes, trains, buses and boats are acceptable.
- Passenger vehicle driver limitations:
 - Adults 21 and older with current clear background checks on file with the District Youth Exchange Committee can drive the student(s) any distance.
 - Adults 21 and older, who to the best knowledge of the Youth Exchange Officer are safe drivers, can drive the student(s) within a 150-mile radius of the current host family residence.
 - Within a 20-mile radius of the current host family residence, licensed drivers under the age of 21 known by the current host family or the YEO to be good drivers may drive one student with no other passengers, excluding siblings, stepsiblings, children or stepchildren of the driver and adults 21 and older.

Submissions of travel requests should be completed by:

- Current host parent for travel with the host parent(s) or family.
- Authorized Youth Exchange Committee member for Rotary travel including District or Multi-District sponsored youth exchange events, Central States Rotary Youth Exchange sponsored events and sanctioned bus tours, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, District Conference and Spring Training.
- Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) and Youth Exchange Counselor (YEC)
 - Travel with the YEO should be initiated by the YEO
 - Travel with the YEC may be requested by the YEC or YEO
 - All other persons traveling with the student not initiated by the current host parent or the authorized Youth Exchange Committee member including, but not limited to:
 - Former or future host parent(s)
 - Rotarian
 - Member of current, former or future host family's extended family, i.e., adult son or daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin.
 - Other adult with whom the student has a relationship.