

Madrid, Spain

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Spring 2023

A Unique Opportunity to Explore Global Citizenship

Public schools provide meaningful and engaging experiences that foster personal, social, and academic growth and prepare students for a bright future. Today, more than ever before, schools must also assist students to appreciate global citizenship and an internal perspective in our increasingly connected world. Cultural enrichment experiences help to develop "citizens of the world," and the Louis Riel School Division's Spain Cultural Enrichment Program supports this goal. Cost of the program is for the flight and insurance only. Approximately \$1800.00.

The Participants

Students in Grades 10 - 12 from each of our high schools are being invited to apply to participate in a cultural enrichment exchange program with schools in Madrid that will take place in the Spring of 2023. Participants selected will have demonstrated leadership potential, a sound character, a passion for learning and enthusiasm for new experiences in their school and community. Selected students must be able to host a student from Spain as part of the exchange.

The School and Its Program

Casvi is on the outskirts of Madrid. It is a beautiful, modern school with a long history of experience in international education. Students enrolled at Casvi are from many countries in the world as well as local students who live in Madrid. In its international program, LRSD students will have an opportunity to learn about Spanish culture and history. A knowledge of Spanish is not required but students will be introduced to the foundations of the Spanish language. In addition, students will have an opportunity to participate in Spanish family life and experience cultural activities with their fellow students and host families.

Students selected will stay in homestays which have been carefully selected by the school administration. All homestay families can speak basic English and many of the teachers at the school are fluent in English. Students will have full access to the school's computer facilities and libraries and receive the necessary instruction to ensure they are part of the student body.

Excursions to local sites, businesses, nearby communities and cultural attractions will complement their experience – students can learn about life in Spain and how the people have adapted to live in this beautiful European country.

The Benefits

In addition to learning about the Italian culture, our students will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation for ...

- International culture, traditions, languages and lifestyles
- International interdependence and cooperation
- The importance of diplomacy, its processes, protocols and benefits
- Canada's role in the global community
- Canada's cultural diversity and heritage

The Courses, Credits and Evaluation

This program is designed to enhance student's current educational experience; therefore, they will have the opportunity to earn a high school credit during their time in Spain and their involvement in Winnipeg. This credit will be treated as "out-of-country" credit when students complete the exchange. Evaluation of their progress in the program will be at the discretion of the cultural enrichment facilitator who will submit formal written reports once the program is completed.

For a truly authentic writing experience, students will keep a blog and submit a journal at the end of their studies. They will be invited to share their experience through presentation to school groups, government agencies, service groups and local media after returning to Winnipeg.

The Application Process

Any student registered in Grades 10-12 in a Louis Riel School Division high school (must be a Canadian citizen or have PR status) may apply. The application should be submitted to the school administration by **November 12, 2022. Applications will be available in the school office and on-line.**

An information meeting will be scheduled for all interested students and parents once we determine the number of applicants. In the meantime, if you have specific questions, please contact:

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Spain - Cultural Enrichment Program Application

Section One: Personal Information			
Last Name	First Name Initial		
High Scho	ol Attending: (Please Check v)		
□ College Beliveau □ Colleg	ge Jeanne Sauvé 🗆 Dakota 🗆 Glenlawn		
□ J.H. Bruns □	Nelson McIntyre Windsor Park		
K-8 Schools Attended:			
Date of Birth: Month Day	Year Place of Birth		
Gender: Citizenship and/or Immigration Status:			
Address:	Postal Code		
Email:			
Telephone:	Cell (if applicable)		
Parent/Guardian Names and Contacts:			
Parent/Guardian:	Parent/Guardian:		
Name	Name		
Relationship	Relationship		
Phone (Day) Evening	Phone (Day) Evening		
Email:	Email		

Section Two: Selection Process

School Principals will nominate candidates to represent their schools from those which apply. To assist your principal in the selection process, please prepare a letter in which you tell the school administration about yourself. The letter should include information about each of the following:

- Your interests and hobbies
- Your experiences with leadership at school or in the community
- Other ways you are involved in your school and in your community
- Your experiences in getting along with others through group/team work
- Why you think you would be a good candidate for this opportunity
- Please note any health issues, including allergies, which might hinder your ability to fully participate in the program.

Section Three: References

Reference One:

Applicants are to provide the names of three people (other than family members) willing to provide references for you. At least two of these people should be teachers.

Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Reference Two:		
Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Reference Three:		
Name	Position	
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	
Email Address:		
Principal's Signature	Date	