

# Spain

## Student Exchange Program

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### How does it work?

This unique program is facilitated by Alberta Education's Student Exchange Program. Alberta students will be paired with students from the Spanish province of Castilla y Leon. Taking place over one school year, paired students will attend school together in the same location at the same time for 10 weeks each.

- August to November (first semester) – Students from Spain will attend school in Alberta.
- Last February/late March to early (second semester) – Alberta students will go overseas Spain.



### What is the cost?

Families are responsible for the costs associated with hosting the exchange partner. Families are also expected to cover their son's or daughter's travel expenses and provide enough spending money for his/her time away. As this is a reciprocal exchange, school tuition fees are waived on both sides. Please note that all Alberta students' return flights must be booked through the travel agency identified by Alberta Education

### Who is eligible?

- All high school students studying Spanish.
- Students normally apply during their Grade 10 year to participate in the exchange during their Grade 11 year.
- Students should have completed or will complete Spanish 20 during the program year.
- Students are recommended by their Spanish language teachers based on criteria, such as language proficiency, academic standing, personal qualities (such as maturity, openness to other cultures, ability to adapt and determination to complete the program) and family motivation.



### Where do students live while on exchange?

Visiting Spanish students will live in their Alberta host families' homes and attend school with their Alberta exchange partners.

Visiting Alberta students will be hosted by their Spanish exchange partners and attend the Spanish school with their partners.

“Now that I have become fluent in Spanish, a door has opened for me that reveals another 330 million fellow Spanish speakers as well as added many countries as travel options for me.”

## Why should you do an exchange with Spain?

By taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you will get a chance to:

- Improve your Spanish language skills in an immersion environment
- Become immersed in the culture and lifestyle of Spain by participating in daily school and family life
- Discover more about yourself as you face new challenges
- Develop new skills in living and working closely with people from a different culture.

## How do you apply?

Talk to your Spanish language teacher or visit [www.studyabroad.alberta.ca](http://www.studyabroad.alberta.ca) for more information. Interested students must ensure that their completed application is mailed to Alberta Education no later than **March 15**. Application instructions and forms (both student and school portions) will be available on the Alberta Education website.



## Contact Information

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“Because of this program, not only did I get to spend two months living in a different and wonderful country, I also improved my Spanish beyond recognition and began what I expect will be important and long-lasting relationships. I love Spain!”