

ÉCHANGES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

FRENCH AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM



FACEP
French American Cultural Exchange Program

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Benefits of using FACEP for your cultural exchange

Credentials:

- **Partnered with the *La Ligue de L'Enseignement*, a branch of the French Ministry of Education**
- We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit incorporation
- Executive Director has over 20 years of experience as a French teacher at the middle and high school levels and since 1996 has participated and continues to participate with her own students.
- Every member of the board of directors has participated in this program with their children
- We are the most affordable cultural immersion exchange program available
- Program cost is all inclusive:
 - Airfare
 - Ground travel (for the Americans while in France)
 - Health/medical insurance
 - Travel insurance
 - Room and board
 - Instructional materials
 - Activities and excursions

Legalities and logistics:

- We assume legal liabilities
- We are compliant with the international law *EU-US Privacy Shield* (replacing, as of 2 Feb 2016, *International Safe Harbour Privacy Principles* set forth by the EU and Swiss governing bodies, and that certified the USA as compliant)
- We secure all parental consents through individual contracts with the participants
- We handle all financial transactions through our not-for-profit incorporation status
- Health/medical and travel insurance, for the American and French students, is secured through *La Ligue de L'Enseignement*
- An appropriately matched French school is secured through *La Ligue de L'Enseignement*
- FACEP/*La Ligue* has working relationships with air carriers to secure the best possible prices and logistics

Schools/Teachers/Students:

- Safe, structured way to introduce students to our global society
- Immersion in the culture at a personal level, i.e., not tourists
- Promotes excellence for schools by actively seeking parent and community involvement
- Schools have a certain autonomy within the structure of the program
- Extension of classroom curriculum and instruction in the language and culture through real life application
- Depending on location of exchange city, day trips to larger cities, e.g. Paris, Marseilles, Lyon, are often included
- We provide a suggested curriculum for the student and parent meetings
- From our years of experience, we have an extensive list of Best Practices to share
- We provide support throughout the program

What is needed from the hosting school is minimal:

- A space for the visiting French group to meet, during the school day
- Allow the American teacher to hold weekly student meetings and monthly parent meetings in his/her classroom, or another space within the school
- Allow the American teacher to make copies, if needed, for the respective meetings
- Allow the American teacher to attend one educational excursion with the visiting French group

Appreciated support may be...

- School bus transportation for French group daytime excursions, if needed
- Cafeteria lunches for the French Teachers when their group has lunch in the building

While the cost to the hosting school district is very minimal, the benefits are great:

- Community support through local business involvement
- Family and parent involvement
- Local publicity
- Civic duty from students attending school board and city council meetings as diplomats for the program
- Participation is often associated with Schools of Distinction

We welcome any and all questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you will select us to provide you with this outstanding educational opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration.