

District 5520 Youth Exchange
Outbound Parent Homework

The process of sending your student abroad for a year involves many types of potential issues. In order to allow you to think through these possibilities you are being asked to answer each of these questions in at least one paragraph. Please bring your answers to the Mandatory Outbound Orientation in Albuquerque on June 5, 2010, so we can have a group discussion. If your household includes two or more parents with different opinions, please write your answers in separate paragraphs and note the differences. There are no right and wrong answers, your thoughts will help guide you through the possibilities and help the Rotary Committee to better understand how to support you in these circumstances. A phone contact/reference sheet is attached which you should retain as your student prepares to go outbound.

1. You are notified by email or letter that your student has not been following the rules of exchange. They have violated one of the four D's; drinking, driving, using drugs or exclusive dating. As a result they are being put on 30 days of probation with a risk of being sent home. What do you do and what are your options for guiding your student to success? Who do you talk to for guidance and information?
2. You have been told via email or phone that your student has been violating the rules of exchange and they are being sent home and that you must ticket them for their return within days. Where do you start to notify those involved and how do you approach the response communication and action?
3. Your family has a health crisis that is not life threatening at this time but it is a serious/major illness. Will you tell your child, why or why not? If you elect to tell him/her, what will you say? What is the best time/place to tell them and who else should you notify in advance?
4. You are notified that your student has broken his/her leg in a sporting activity or accident and they are in no immediate danger. What is your reaction and what do you do?