

# Luxembourg and US High School Virtual Exchanges

*LACS board and community members serve as facilitators in this exchange program, helping connect teachers from the Midwest and Luxembourg to establish fulfilling exchanges between high school students of both countries.*

## **About Virtual Exchange Programs:**

Virtual exchanges encompass a range of sustained, faculty-led, virtual peer-to-peer learning opportunities across borders and cultures. They represent a modern twist on long-standing efforts to apply international perspectives and skills to a wide range of subjects.

## **Benefits:**

Virtual exchanges provide a variety of benefits. Students have the opportunity to learn vital communication skills as well as develop greater cultural awareness. School exchanges can support broader institutional objectives, including internationalization, development of workplace skills, and student-centered instruction.

## **Criteria:**

Teachers and school administrators should consider the following criteria in both developing a program, as well as matching with another school.

### *Framing Criteria*

- What are the expectations for student learning outcomes?
- Which of the learning activities actually require technology?
- What sort of structure for the program is needed? Should it be aligned with a course, a project, or a co-curricular activity?

### *Matching Criteria*

- The size of the town/city
- The type of school- Public, Private, or Parochial
- The area/region with the original area the family emigrated from in Luxembourg

## **How to Get Started:**

If you have an interest in implementing a high school exchange program between your school in the United States and a high school in Luxembourg, these are areas you may wish to consider:

- Does your school have students of Luxembourg heritage?
- Do you have students who desire a virtual peer to peer learning opportunity across borders and cultures?
- Are there dedicated teachers willing to engage in an exchange experience?

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