



INFORMATION FOR PRINCIPALS

OSEF founded by Christine Lenfant, is a not-for-profit organization that offers linguistic and cultural student reciprocal exchanges between France, Belgium, Spain and Canada.

With over twenty years of experience, OSEF is one of the leading exchange programmes in Europe. Each year, over 400 students from Europe and Canada take part in either eleven week reciprocal school programmes or one month summer reciprocal programmes. These programmes enhance students' language proficiency, promote personal growth and development, increase awareness and appreciation of another culture and help to foster a global perspective.

To participate in an exchange, students must be between 13 and 17 years of age during the school year of the exchange. Students are matched according to the information they provide in their individual applications/student profiles. All students are provided with hospitalization and repatriation insurance as well as third party liability insurance from Tokio Marine Assistance. In Europe and in Canada, OSEF staff and local volunteer representatives are always available to answer questions and/or provide assistance.

European students arrive in Canada mid-August. They live with their exchange partner's family, returning home either mid-October or early November. Canadian students leave for their exchange in early February and return to Canada at the end of April. While on the exchange, all students *must* attend school regularly.

Regional information meetings are planned for interested students and their families (dates and time to be posted on the OSEF website www.osef.ca).

Please pass this information on to your French and Spanish teachers, Guidance Counsellors, interested candidates and their families.

For further information, you may contact the **OSEF volunteer provincial coordinator** below.

With much appreciation,