



NICHOLS SCHOOL EXCHANGE POLICIES ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

While the Exchange Program is a school-sponsored event and, as such, is governed by the schools' rules, Nichols recognizes that our exchange group is travelling to a country where laws and cultural attitudes towards alcohol differ from American laws and culture. Students traveling abroad may find themselves in situations in their host families where consumption of small amounts of alcohol, generally wine or cider, is culturally appropriate, socially acceptable and sometimes a matter of politeness.

Therefore during the exchange program the following policies and modifications of policies will apply.

- The exchange program is governed by the schools' policies on drug/alcohol possession and use. Possession, use or present while others use have/use illegal drugs/alcohol at any time will subject the offenders to removal from the program and disciplinary action by the school.
- American host families will not serve alcohol or permit alcohol to be served to students in their homes.
- While with their host families, students may accept small amounts of alcohol only when offered by adult members of the host family and when under the direct supervision of adult host family members. In no case is this policy modification to be construed as condoning excess. Our students must exercise self-control and conduct themselves at all times as self-respecting representatives of their school and their country. American parents may ask their child not to partake of alcohol.
- When the group is together under the supervision of the Exchange Leader(s), school rules are in effect.
- Nichols students who violate the letter or the intent of these policies while abroad may be sent home before the end of the program at the parents' expense without a chaperone and in such case, will be subject to disciplinary action by the school. The Exchange Leader(s) will contact the school administration to take the appropriate action.

Statement of Agreement

- We have read and understand the above policy statements.
- We have had the opportunity to discuss them with the Exchange Director and Head of Upper School and/or the Dean of Students.
- We have discussed the policies among ourselves. Our signatures attest to our acceptance and support of the conditions set forth.

Signatures:

Parent or Guardian

Date

Student

Date