

Dear Members of the Arlington Public School Community:

Every year, as part of our efforts to encourage intercultural learning, we invite international students to join us at Arlington High School. This is our tenth year running this program, and we've hosted students from all over the globe. We have had students from a variety of countries including Italy, Colombia, China, Brazil, Spain, Thailand, Indonesia, and Germany. We've had a blast getting to know these students and they've added so much to our community.

The Arlington community is an important part of this program's success. Families who open their homes and hearts to these students make this intercultural learning experience possible. Past families have told us how much they have gotten out of the experience. Connections are made that last well beyond the duration of the visit.

We are already preparing for Fall 2019. We have wonderful families who have hosted in the past returning and we are looking for a few new families as well. In our effort to attract great families, we are working with Educatius International. Educatius encourages all families to apply to become a host family – families with young children, no children, and/or high school age children. To ensure that this initiative is a success, Educatius is providing the following resources:

1. Monthly stipend paid to all host families (Each family can host up to two international students, they can share a bedroom)
2. An orientation program for the international students and host families
3. Host family and student support, available twenty-four hours a day

If you would like to learn more about being a host parent, you can contact Jodi Del Razo from Educatius International at jodi.delrazo@educatius.org or 617 543 8626

Please consider hosting an international student! You'll be supporting this great program!