# **Spain**

## In-Person Student Exchange Program 2025 – 26

#### Duration

This unique program is facilitated by Alberta Education's Student Exchange Programs. Students from Alberta are paired with students from the Spanish Autonomous Communities of Castilla y León and Asturias. Taking place during one Alberta school year, paired students will attend school together in the same location at the same time for 10 weeks each.

- September November 2025 (Spain students will attend school in Alberta)
- February May 2026 (Alberta students will attend school in Spain)



#### Cost

Families are responsible for the costs associated with hosting the exchange partner. Families are also expected to cover their child's travel expenses and provide enough spending money for their time away. As this is a reciprocal exchange, school tuition fees are waived on both sides.

Please note that all Alberta students' return flights and emergency medical insurance must be booked through the travel agency and insurance provider identified by Alberta Education.

## **Eligibility**

- · High school students studying Spanish.
- Students normally apply during their Grade 10 year to participate in the exchange in their Grade 11 year.
- Students should have completed or will complete Spanish 20 during the program year.
- Students are recommended by their Spanish language teachers based on criteria, such as language proficiency, academic standing, family motivation, and personal qualities, including:
  - maturity
  - openness to other cultures
  - ability to adapt, and
  - determination to complete the program.

## Housing

Visiting Spanish students will live in their Alberta host families' homes and attend school with their Alberta exchange partners.

Visiting Alberta students will be hosted by their Spanish exchange partners and attend Spanish school with their partners.



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### **Benefits**

By taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you will get a chance to:

- Improve your Spanish language skills in an immersion environment.
- Become immersed in the culture and lifestyle of Spain by participating in daily school activities and family life.
- Discover more about yourself as you face new challenges.
- Develop new skills in living and working closely with people from a different culture.

## **Applications**

For more information, speak with your Spanish language teacher or visit <a href="https://www.studyabroad.alberta.ca">www.studyabroad.alberta.ca</a>.

Interested students must ensure that their application package is submitted by email <u>and</u> by postal mail no later than **March 15**, **2025**. The application package, including instructions, is available at www.studyabroad.alberta.ca.

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