

District 6250 Rotary Youth Exchange Early Departure Policy

The standard end of the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program is the 3rd week of July, following the CSRYE Summer Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For many students, this is one of their favorite parts of the exchange year. It is a chance to be with your friends one last time and to prepare yourself for the return home.

We understand that sometimes there are very important reasons to return home early. An early return **must** be approved in advance by the District RYE Inbound Coordinators.

District 6250 RYE will review requests for early departure when the following criteria are met.

- 1) You (the inbound student) take responsibility to submit the request with all required information and follow up with approvers in your home country if necessary.
- 2) You submit the request **by April 1** of your exchange year.
- 3) You fill out the proper form for an early departure. That form is found here: [LINK](#) In the form, you will provide the following information.
 - a) Requested date of return.
 - i) If you are asking to return before the end of the school year, special paperwork will be necessary with the US Department of State. You should know that a return this early will usually be considered a “failed exchange,” and it may affect your ability to visit the United States in the four years following your return home.
 - ii) If you are asking to return after the end of the school year, the return may still be considered a “failed exchange” if you do not have a good reason for the early return.
 - b) Detailed reason for the early return.
 - i) If you need to be in your home country for college entrance exams, for example, provide the date of the exams.
 - ii) Provide enough detail that we can evaluate the importance of an early departure.
 - c) Contact information for:
 - i) Your parent(s)
 - ii) Your host club’s YEO
 - iii) The YEO of the Rotary Club in your home country that sponsored you.

The automated form approval process will request approvals from your parent, host club YEO, sponsor club YEO and District IB coordinators.

We will consider your engagement level with Rotary Club, host family and school, and your other travel commitments like Rotary sanctioned tours.

Effective: February 15, 2023