

Family Webinar Series: Learning in the World and Academy Travel Opportunities

#	Question	Answer
1	Can they go if they are not varsity?	live answered
2	For these athletic trips, who can participate? Thank	live answered
3	How do they choose students?	live answered
4	Can students express interest in the sports that she/he has not played before but would like to try next season/year?	live answered
5	Will Peru be offered again? My son was hoping for that this year.	Not this year. You can view available programs here: https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw/programs
6	Can one parent participate?	live answered
7	Can we receive detailed itineraries before applying? For example for VietNam. Last year there weren't any until after they were accepted.	live answered
8	With fewer programs this year, will all students be accepted into one?	live answered
9	Regarding the athletic trips--do you need to be on the teams to join these excursions	live answered
10	All students can apply any one or more programs, or there is restriction for center destination?	live answered
11	How much these travels costs? Where can we find that information. Thanks!	Each program has a maximum cost listed under Snapshot on the LITW website. Families will get an exact cost once the student numbers/plans are secured but it will not exceed the maximum cost on the website.
12	When are exact travel dates for summer program and return location from trip. Are the kids back to Andover campus?	live answered
13	Are there language travel programs?	Yes, there are CIEE language & culture programs: https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw/programs/affiliate-programs
14	for the baseball team, is it just varsity that goes or other teams as well	live answered
15	Are teacher recommendations needed in the applications? (My child is interested in the affiliate program in Japan in particular)	live answered
16	I understand that PITW opportunity is not there this school year. But if it comes up in future, I would like to know if the student must already be a part of an ensemble at the beginning of the school year?	live answered
17	Kindly note that the financial commitments will help determinate the interest. Can you put that here? It is not in the website. Thanks	Each program has a maximum cost listed under Snapshot on the LITW website. Families will get an exact cost once the student numbers/plans are secured but it will not exceed the maximum cost on the website.
18	How competitive is this ?	live answered
19	This is awesome and we are really looking forward to making one of these trips this year. How are allergies handled?	live answered
20	I just clicked on the link! I see the CIEE language programs!	
21	Basically, will kids who are in Amadeus or Symphony but not in any small group orchestra ensemble have a chance of getting selected to PITW program?	live answered

22	Is this something students do each year, or once in their PA career? does going one year decrease the odds of being selected another year?	live answered
23	How often are language immersion programs offered? I see one for Russian language immersion this summer. Are there ways to do Spanish language immersion as part of LITW?	
24	Is there a limit for number of programs they can do?	live answered
25	how does the affiliate program college credit option work ?	
26	For the Toin International Exchange Student (TIES) Program, it looks like applications are due on Feb 1, 2026 - by when would students know if they've been accepted?	live answered
27	Is the allotment for those receiving fin aid or for all students?	
28	Is it correct that LITW and PITW each have \$9k caps for financial aid assistance? In other words, can a student on fin aid do both programs with individual caps?	live answered
29	Do students do either March or June or could they consider both (in the spirit of taking advantage of these AMAZING opportunities!)?	live answered
30	Performing in the world not offered summer 2026?	Correct, no PITW for summer 2026.
31	In general, are there qualifying criteria for students or is it first-come, first-serve on applications? Also, are there details on the affiliate programs available?	Affiliate Program info: https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw/programs/affiliate-programs
32	Does it matter when the student submits application/expressions of interest, as long as it's before the deadline?	Yes applications will only be reviewed after the deadline has closed. Program invitations will be sent on December 8th.
33	How can we get more information about the affiliate programs?	Learn more about affiliate programs here: https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw/programs/affiliate-programs
34	Is there a way to know what programs will be available next year, so we can choose to not apply this year, given financial aid is capped?	live answered
35	I was late to the webinar. Where can I find information about the athletic trips? I don't see it on the LITW webpage.	Athletic preseason trips offered during March break include: baseball, crew (all-gender), golf (all-gender), lacrosse (boys), lacrosse (girls), and softball. Students should reach out to the the head coach by October 30 to express interest in attending these trips. Please reach out to the head coach if you have any questions about eligibility.
36	Do students need to ask their teachers for recommendation letters	live answered
37	Can students apply to other summer programs through CIEE (such as ones not currently listed on the LITW site)?	live answered
38	Can we know how many will be selecte for each programs?	Each program varies in size.

39	For the athletic program, when would they know if you get in or not? It helps families to plan ahead of time.	An invitation will be sent to the students by the LITW & ATO office by November 3.
40	For performing in the world. Do you have dates?	Performing in the World will not be run this year but will hopefully return next year! Music/Chorus alternate each year with Theater/Dance so Music/Chorus (whatever ensemble is selected) is slated to return for next year. Thank you!
41	Do the students apply to the program every year? Or it is a one-time application for 4 years.	Yes, students will need to apply each year.
42	Can you do, for example, a LITW trip over March break, and then an affiliate language immersion program over the summer in the same year?	live answered
43	Performing in the world programs - how much they cost?	live answered
44	The 9k cap is per year or in the four years?	live answered
45	I saw a similar question - can we get at least rough itineraries before applying?	live answered
46	Fr SYA - Do you recommend semester or full year? What are some criteria for deciding the length of the programs?	live answered
47	If the student opt for a year abroad, will she/he graduate a year later or do they earn transferrable credits?	When a student participates in School Year Abroad (there is no option for a year, other than SYA), they do so in lieu of studying on the PA campus and it counts as one of their high school years. The academic program at SYA is designed to fit with a student's curriculum at their home school, with most of the same academic opportunities, or at least a reasonable alternative, available to them. Nonetheless, it is recommended that a student interested in SYA work with the PA Director of Studies to anticipate their needs leading up to, during, and after their year away from PA.
48	For March Spring Break opportunities, will trips launch from Boston ? and return to Boston ?	live answered
49	For summer/spring program, are students expected to depart from home (instead of campus) and return to home at the end of the trip on her/his own before returning to campus? (Parents need to plan to be available for transportation of students on our end to/from airports, or does school provide transportation)	live answered
50	For the affiliate programs, how does the school vet the programs for safety etc?	Over the years, we have cultivated relationships with all of our affiliates, so we rely on first-hand knowledge of the experience that we are endorsing. PA faculty members have vetted all our affiliates, visiting their facilities and seeing their programs in action, in most cases. We maintain connections with our affiliates and address our shared needs and responsibilities in achieving the best possible outcomes for our students and families.

51	Who purchase tickets? Individually or as a group by the school?	For LITW & PITW programs, the faculty leaders coordinate travel. It may be that the faculty members, themselves, arrange and purchase tickets, but most of us work with a travel agent or sometimes a third-party provider (an educational partner, for example) who arranges travel. For ATH preseason trips, program leaders sometimes arrange travel or work with an agent, but some program leaders leave it to the families to arrange their students' travel. Most will offer a few options, such as tuition + roundtrip ticket, tuition + one-way ticket, or tuition only.
52	Are the pre season trips on the website too? Please send link if it is.	No. Athletic preseason trips offered during March break include: baseball, crew (all-gender), golf (all-gender), lacrosse (boys), lacrosse (girls), and softball. Students should reach out to the the head coach by October 30 to express interest in attending these trips. Please reach out to the head coach if you have any questions about eligibility.
53	Since there's a separate application process for affiliate programs after the Andover program, does that mean that Andover could accept the student in the program but the affiliate program could ultimately reject them? Or is it that when Andover says they're in, they're in?	live answered
54	Do they need a high level of the language?	Requirements, such as language proficiency, are highlighted in the program descriptions on the LITW website. Of this year's faculty/staff-led programs, only the Russian Immersion in Estonia requires that students have a certain level of language at PA. Our affiliates may have certain requirements that students have a background in the target language, whereas some can accommodate complete beginners. It is important, therefore, to check with the affiliate, to be sure. For programs in which the focus is not language development, students may be required to demonstrate prior knowledge and skills. Again, the program descriptions should highlight such requirements, and applications for most programs will include a question or questions regarding the students' preparation and disposition for participation.