

International Travel Opportunity for Teachers



City of Edmonds Sister City Commission 2020 Sister City Student Exchange Program Hekinan, Japan



The Edmonds Sister City Commission invites applications from Edmonds School District teachers and administrators who wish to lead our annual student exchange. There will be 10 students, age 14 – 18, selected to travel to Hekinan, Japan for the last 2 weeks in July 2020. Students and chaperones from Hekinan will travel to Edmonds during the first 2 weeks of August 2020.

Students and chaperones live with host families during the exchange. Participants from past visits describe this program as a truly exciting learning event and one that can enhance personal perspectives in ways that are difficult to match in academic settings.

Hekinan has been Edmonds' Sister City since 1988. Located about 30 miles from Nagoya, Japan on Mikawa Bay, Hekinan has a population of approximately 80,000 and is located near major historic sites such as Nara and Kyoto. Hekinan city officials have enthusiastically embraced the Sister City program. All our past delegations have been warmly received and generously hosted by the Hekinan community and officials.

In preparation for the trip, chaperone leaders are expected to organize and supervise five orientation sessions and help students plan a farewell party in honor of their hosts. On the trip chaperones will ensure delegates' safety and respectful behavior. Although the Sister City Commission distributes and receives student applications, we rely on educators to help us find qualified and interested students.

We will select two teachers/administrators to accompany the 10 students. The chaperones' expenses should be limited to incidentals while traveling in Japan, as their airfare, lodging and most meals will be covered.

If you would like to apply for the program, please visit the Commission's webpage at www.escc.edmondswa.gov and click on **Exchange programs** in the left hand menu; or you can contact:

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Application deadline:
January 24, 2020
Interviews will follow shortly thereafter

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Announcing a unique travel opportunity for local educators.

The Edmonds Sister City Commission is accepting applications for teachers interested in co-leading the annual student visit to Hekinan, Japan during the last two weeks of July 2020. Chaperones stay with a host family in Hekinan and travel costs are paid by the Commission.

For more info: [Check our website at escs.edmondswa.gov](http://escs.edmondswa.gov) under Exchange Programs.

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