**Partnership agreement**

School partnership

Between School A and School NRW

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**between**

**SCHOOL A und SCHOOL NRW**

1) SCHOOL A in “place” and SCHOOL NRW in “place” establish a school partnership that fosters a better understanding and link between Country A and the Federal Republic of Germany, their cultures, schools, teachers and students.

**2)** **With this in mind both schools agree to the following:**

1. This partnership is built on mutual respect, trust and understanding for each other.
2. Both schools are willing to encourage inter-school links through internet, e-mail or any other form of correspondence that bring students closer together.
3. Regular visits of pupils and teachers to each other’s partner school should give each an insight into their respective school system, culture, language and everyday life.
4. Both schools are willing to negotiate ways to create opportunities for allowing teachers to exchange their teaching positions for the benefit of both schools and to lead to professional development of teachers concerned.
5. Both schools will work towards the principle that visits, areas of curricular collaboration and mutual topics or projects will be in the focus of attention within the partnership.

**3)** **Arrangements for the student exchange:**

1. SCHOOL A and SCHOOL NRW regularly provide the opportunity for students from each school to attend their respective partner school for a period of at least x days, in order to foster cultural awareness and closer understanding of each other’s culture. On request and circumstances permitting, an exchange may also last up to the period of one year.
2. Both schools undertake to provide a safe environment for visiting exchange students.
3. As a rule, each exchange student’s own family will host the student from the other school.
4. The exchange can take place at the same time for both students or at designated times that are convenient for both schools.
5. Both schools will have a designated teacher responsible for organisation and looking after visiting students.
6. The costs of travel, both to and from as well as within the host country, will be met by the sending school.
7. The host schools will create the appropriate environment for the school visits and help with visa or residency requirements.
8. The exchange will take place whenever there are open-minded, suitable candidates in both countries.

**4)** Both schools are keen to evaluate the activities as part of the school partnership and determine the current state of cooperation, thus benefitting the further development of future measures and activities on the basis of a trusting mutual agreement.

On behalf of school A: On behalf of school NRW:

Place, date: Place, date:

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Signature of head / principal Signature of head / principal

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