

## Red Wing Sister Cities Expectations

1. Participation in trip preparation and follow-up meetings.
2. Participation in fundraising activities if you need help with funding your trip.
3. You are an ambassador of the Red Wing community and your behavior in school and conduct prior to and during the trip should always reflect that.
4. That you participate in planned activities while in Ikata to the best of your ability.
5. You must obtain a valid passport by March 1<sup>st</sup>; if you don't already have one.
6. Participation in planned activities while Ikata students are in Red Wing for approximately two weeks following your return from Japan.
7. Be willing to share your experiences with the community. For example, write a short article, share your pictures with the Commission, share your experience on Facebook and/or complete a short video interview upon return.
8. You will be asked to create a short personal experience videos for the commission and to share some photos from your trip to be used on Channel 6, on our website, on our FB page, or in presentations to future students going to Ikata.
9. Participate in classroom visits in the fall to promote the trip the following year.
10. You will be provided with suggested packing lists, gifting suggestions, language training in the basic politeness words, help with understanding basic Japanese culture, and support getting prepared for your trip as needed. We expect you to also do some research and take it upon yourself to learn a bit about their culture online.
11. Cost estimates: Airline \$2500-2800, Tour package \$400-600, Gifts for host family approximately \$100, and Spending money \$300-500 for a total of \$3200-3900. Students that participate in all the fundraising often pay less than \$300 for this trip and some students are able to raise the entire cost of the trip. However, if you do not participate in the fundraising then the funds will need to be covered by your family.
12. The Sister Cities Commission may be able to contribute funds towards this trip if our budget allows for it. The commission assists with setting up fundraising opportunities like bagging groceries.
13. **A \$250.00 deposit from each student chosen to travel to Ikata, Japan, will be due to the City of Red Wing by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If the student fundraises more money than needed for airfare and the touring package then this deposit will be returned.**