**SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL’S INTERNATIONAL FLAG DISPLAY**

**Established by Sage International School’s International Club, 2014**

How many international students are there at Sage International School? Help us find out!

Bright swaying flags, symbols of our global community, hang overhead in the lunchroom on the second floor of the Sage Middle/High School downtown in an International Flag Display created by the Sage International Club, a club of middle/high school students. It began in the high school lunchroom and eventually will move to the new Parkcenter Mall location.

The International Flag Display is a visual welcome to faculty, staff, students and visitors and serves as a reminder of Sage International’s goal of preparing students for today’s global community.

New or existing international students at Sage who are not yet represented in the display should complete the form below and turn it in at the front desk of your school. Even if we already have the flag for that country, we would still like to have your student represented on the list that hangs by the display. The next flag orders will be placed when we have a large enough group to make the shipping costs reasonable.

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**INTERNATIONAL CLUB FLAG DISPLAY FORM**

**Return to front desk of either the elementary or the middle/high school**

Our student(s) (names, year they started at Sage)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and / or their parent(s) are citizens of or adopted from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We would like for this to be represented in the International Flag Display. (Exchange students attending Sage International may also be included).

* Sponsorship is voluntary and **you do not have to sponsor a flag to be represented in the display.** We want each student at Sage to be represented in the display. Our family would like to sponsor a flag for the nation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and make a contribution of $\_\_\_\_\_. (Please attach a check payable to Sage International School with flag display in memo line or you can donate cash by an envelope at the school’s front desk). Sponsors will be recognized as part of the display.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

OTHER REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS: The International Club recognizes there may be students within Sage that do not have citizenship in another country but still have very strong ties to other countries. We would like to consider these requests on an individual basis. If you would like for the club to consider additional circumstances, please write below or on back of this form.

**FLAG DISPLAY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

How many generations from the student must citizenship be to be represented in the flag display?

Second generation which is the student’s parent(s).

Why has the club chosen a specific relationship criteria?  If our families self-identify with a country somewhere in their ancestry, what’s to lose?

The guidelines for the display are from the discussions of the International Club members. The club members want this display to be meaningful to the school and for this display to represent the history of the school and those who have studied at Sage International School.  It is not just a display of a flag set of all 192 countries. Their goal is for this display to be a living history of the school for future students in the international club to update and enjoy so students can visibly watch as our school expands and matures. This display will document over time and celebrate the students who have studied at Sage International School.

Can exchange students who study at Sage be included? Yes! Should we also include flags of nations to which Sage students travel to study abroad in the future? Yes.

What about your birth country if you were adopted by US parents? Can the flag of the country of the student’s birth parents be included in the display even though the student obtained US citizenship at or after adoption?

Yes.

Can a student be represented by two flags if they are a child of two parents of different nationalities?

Yes.

How do we determine what is a nation and what is not?

The club has chosen to display flags of nations recognized by the United Nations or recognized by the United States Department of State.

If a student is a refugee or in resettlement, do we use the country of origin, country where they emigrated from, let the student choose the nation to be associated with?

Good question. The display is new and the club has not yet thought of all scenarios of how students may come to our school. Some situations like third-county resettlements are complex and may take years and years to complete. The students ask that if there are scenarios that family would like the club to consider, that they please be submitted in writing so that they have adequate time to think about how this display can best represent our student body and discuss these scenarios at a meeting.

Do the British Virgin Islands use their flag or the British flag? What about other territories?

Good question. Since we do not yet know all of the nationalities in our student body now, we’d like to know of these situations so that we can discuss them. Please let us know if you would like for us to discuss this issue for your family if they are from territories.

Do you have to sponsor a flag to be represented in the display?

No. We want every family at Sage to be represented in the display so please respond. Some families have expressed that they would feel privileged to sponsor a flag. That sponsorship and contribution is appreciated but purely voluntary and not required to be represented in the display.

Can a faculty member be represented by a flag in the display? Yes.

What if we have questions?

Please submit questions in writing through the front desk at your school so that the club will have adequate time to think about how this display can best represent our student body and respond.