



PARENT TO DO LIST!

As parents you also have some homework to do in order to prepare your child for international travel. We've created a checklist for you!

- ✓ **Registration Materials:** Keep the detachable portion of the registration form which includes important information on payment schedules and cancellation deadlines. It is also a good idea to keep a copy of your son or daughter's registration form (including the backside).
- ✓ **Parent Information:** Each fall, VIE will send a blue Parent Information Sheet which includes information that you can refer to all year. Keep this handy!
- ✓ **Passport documents:** Your son or daughter should apply for his or her passport as soon as s/he has registered for the trip.
- ✓ **Meetings:** Please attend all mandatory parent meetings.
- ✓ **Health Insurance:** Find out the procedure your child needs to follow to use your health insurance if he or she requires major medical care in France. VIE does provide limited medical and trip cancellation insurance for all participants.
- ✓ **Money Matters:** Check with your bank about ordering euros and get instructions for using your ATM cards and credit cards internationally.
- ✓ **Student Handbook and Journal:** Read the student handbook and discuss the contents with your child.
- ✓ **Packing:** Print a copy of the VIE packing list to help your child pack. Check the dimensions of your child's carry-on and weigh your child's checked bag to make sure it does not exceed 50 pounds.
- ✓ **Final Travel Information:** Before your child leaves, make sure you have a copy of the hotel list with the contact information for your child's French host family, the group phone chain and flight information. Your child's teacher will distribute this final information approximately two weeks before departure.