

ATAD Abbreviations, Acronyms and Definitions



**Association for Teen-Age
Diplomats**

ATAD - Association for Teen-Age Diplomats.

AO - American Overseas - The American high school student who will be traveling abroad. Occasionally it will refer to this student after return (see Returnee) to the US.

Board Member - Director of the ATAD Board as defined by the Association for Teen-Age Diplomats, Incorporated By-Laws.

CSIET - Council on Standards for International Educational Travel - A council that establishes standards on international educational travel at the high school level, and evaluates conformance to those standards.

Form DS-2019 - US Department of State form which must be completed for International Students from countries where a visa is required for entrance to the United States.

Guideline - General directive or recommendation; job task.

HF - Host Family - The American family that has or has had an International Student in their home (see IS).

INS - Immigration and Nationalization Service

IS - International Student - Any student who is NOT from the United States.

ISCOR - International Sister Cities of Rochester - The volunteer organization composed of the separate committees which maintain relationships with the Rochester Sister Cities.

Orientation - An event to prepare students and/or Host Families for the exchange experience or their return home, in accordance with US Department of State standards and ATAD requirements.

P & P - Policies and Procedures Committee

Partner City - A city with which we have a student exchange.

Program - A city or country with which we choose to have a working relationship with the intent of conducting a student exchange.

Program Chair - A member of the Board of Directors who has the responsibility and authority to run all operations associated with a particular program.

Program Liaison(s) in the Partner City - The person or persons with the responsibility to maintain and coordinate the activities of the American Students and their Host Families while these students are in a Partner City, and the selection and orientation of International Students coming to the US.

Responsibility - Job description of what must be done; clearly expected and specific.

Returnee - An American student who has returned to the US after spending time as an exchange student overseas (see AO).

RACF - Rochester Area Community Foundation.

SEVIS - Student Exchange Visitor Information System - The on-line tracking system that supports the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).

UNAR - United Nations Association of Rochester - The local chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA).

US Department of State - The United States governing body for exchange student organizations that issues rules and regulations governing student exchange organizations.