



Volunteers Guide

Fundación MIR



Who are we?

One central office. Two educational centers.
More than 150 people in our team.



In 1990 fundación MIR project started thanks to Lian Fanjul who is now sharing the direction of the foundation with her daughter Lyanne Azqueta. What started as a very small private institution has now developed greatly thanks to the efforts and wills that have manifested all the persons who have left a footprint in this foundation.

Thanks to the foundation's work, we succeed in raising money to develop good infrastructures looked after by the people who wish to improve them.

Few years ago an agreement has been signed with MINERD (the ministry of education) allowing their employee to teach in our centers. We are very proud to be able to count on the very well-trained teachers of La Romana.

The directing and administrative positions are held by a multicultural team of professional that are working to implement and develop innovative working system and educative quality.

We are cooperating with FIU (Florida International University) and each year diverse groups of volunteers come in our centers to teach new educational tendencies and contribute in a small way to our project.

We are seeking for the excellence in terms of educative quality from primary education to senior high school classes.

We are engaged in the education of La Romana, and we hope that you are too. Our goal is, in definitive, to educate further than books. We are all growing copying what we see around us and that is why all the members of our team are responsible for what we are projecting and we have to continue to be an example.

As we spent many hours together, we have established certain values of conviviality and common sense:

- Always act as an example of professionalism (punctuality, respect, commitment, positivity...)
- Smile, it's contagious!
- If at times you make mistakes, we will be glad to know we are working with humans and not with machines.
- Help your colleagues when needed and ask for help when you need it, cooperation in the basis of any development and knowing how to work as a team member is crucial.
- We don't judge, discriminate or make offensive comments. Even though hierarchic roles exist in organizational chart, we are all persons and we treat each other with respect and equality.
- If you have any doubts, ask us!

We are the result of 25 years of extraordinary people's work working for a better education in La Romana

Where are we?



Fundación MIR Central office

Altos de Chavón, Casa de Campo

Tlf: (809) 523-8270

Fax: (809) 223-2458

Here are placed the accountability, administration and marketing departments.

This is where projects to finance the foundation come alive. Several events are organized yearly aiming to raise money for the schools. This is the reason we invest ourselves in those events in order to make sure that everything is going well and thus convert those funds in knowledge and possibilities for the children's future.

Fundación MIR, La Romana, Dominican Republic
www.fundacionmir.org



Campo Nueva Esperanza Politécnico MIR Esperanza

Calle Principal Km. 1, La Luisa, Buena Vista Norte

Tlf. : (809) 523-8692

This is the place where MIR Education starts. Welcoming children from initial education to basic education with gender mixed group.

From 4th grade of basic education to 4th of secondary education, we provide in this school education for the boys.

Culinary art, mechanic, electricity and refrigeration are the professional and technical major of Max Simons polytechnic school.



Escuela Técnico Vocacional Politécnico María Auxiliadora

Dirección: Km 2 1/2 Carretera Romana-Higüeral, Los Altos de Río Dulce
Tlf. : (809) 556-1086

From 4th grade of basic education to 4th of secondary education, we provide in this school education for the girls.

Gastronomy, hospitality, nursing and accounting are the professional and technical major of María Auxiliadora polytechnic school.





What could interest you?

1. Working hours:

From 8 am to 4 pm from Monday to Friday with one hour lunch break.

2. Meals:

Breakfast and lunch are provided by the ministry of education, although we bring our own lunchbox and we are entitled to clean it once home.

3. Religion:

We are working with people from different religion in the foundation, although in the school the catholic ideology is taught. Please make sure to respect that.

4. Visa:

For short stay (less than 30 days) a visa will not be necessary, but you will have to acquire a tourism card. This card can be bought at the airport at your arrival and cost approximately 10USD (don't forget to bring change).

For longer stay, contact the closest Dominican republic consulate to get informed on the needed documents to acquire the proper visa entitled for the status of volunteer.

5. Permissions and days off

For a permission to be valid, it is mandatory to solicit and inform the volunteering program coordinator at least 48h in advance. The hours not worked will have to be completed another day.

6. Dress code :

Must be suitable for a school: without cleavage, trousers too shorts or skirts above the knees. We recommend closed shoes (ballet pump are acceptable). Clothes should cover tattoos, and piercing. We will provide you shirts as uniform.

7. Events:

Five times a year the foundation is celebrating events to raise money, you can be asked to participate to those events.

9. Housing:

Free housing is offered to every volunteer who will live in a house inside one of our campus, with basic services.

In the same school live a group of nuns as well as one of the school directors, it is consequently asked to behave with respect of essential communal living norms.

10. Transportation:

We can ensure your transportation from the airport to the school at your arrival.

Transportations between the different campus schools are insured by the foundation (working hours).

11. Health insurance:

The organization cannot take in charge medical insurances for its volunteers. We recommend you to take special disposition with your current medical insurance and to inform them of your trip or to contract a specific health insurance (in case of long stay). [ARS Universal](#) and [ARS Palic](#) are the two insurance company recommended for foreigners in DR.

12. Vaccines:

Please check on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website of your country if specific vaccination is recommended. You can also consult your doctor in case of doubts.

13. Flights and airports:

The closest airport are :
- La Romana (few flights)
- Las Américas, Santo Domingo
- Punta Cana



For your information

We recommend you to:

- Leave windows closed to avoid cockroach, spiders and mosquitos from coming inside the house, unless using mosquito nets.
- Not to take a walk in the streets of La Romana during the night
- Don't drink tap water
- Bring your own medication for diarrhea, as a foreigner there is great chance you will face digestive problem at first.

Emergency's numbers: 911

Emergency Operations Center : 809-472-0909

National Police: 809-682-2151

Civil defense: 809-472-8614

Firefighters: 809 -556-2455

Police: 809-556-2097

Red cross: 809-550-8533

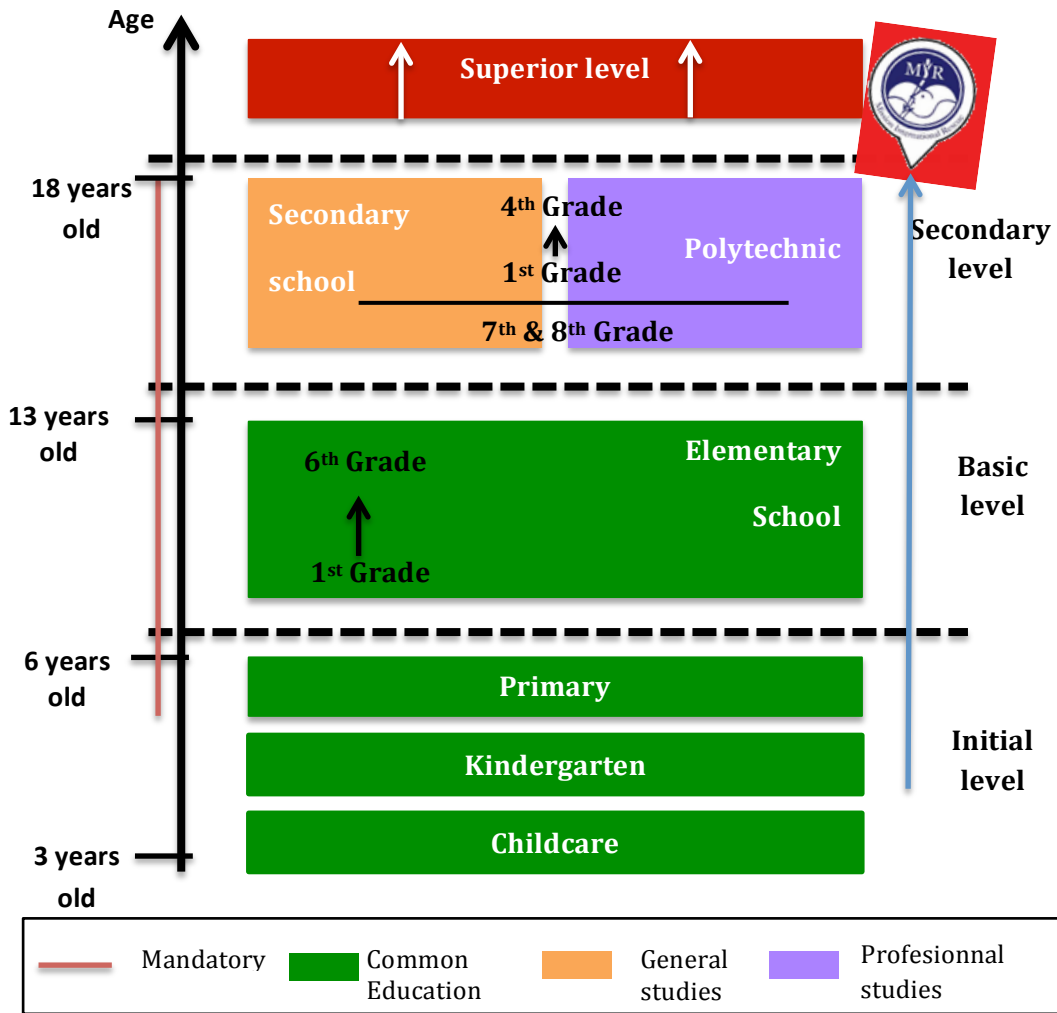
Some useful words...



Bus	Autobús	Guagua
Car	Coche	Carro
Drawer	Cajón	Gaveta
Computer	Ordenador	Computadora
Wake up	Levantarte	Pararte
Pretty	Guapa/o	Linda/o
Mad	Enfadada/o	Guapa/o
OK	Vale	Ok
bag	bolsa	funda



Dominican scholar system



Vision

Reach the intellectual development of the community through systematic instruction of the youth who is showing interest in technical and professional training, aiming to integrate on the labor market properly prepared. And be a social entity that contributes to the development of his community.

Mission

Favor the educational experiences of the children and teenagers for them to fully develop their intellectual, emotional and social potential, and thus boost their adaptation and profit through the training they receive.

Values

Love, respect, sincerity, responsibility, honesty, punctuality, dignity and solidarity.

