



CHS GAPP German Student Exchange

every other year to either Gelsenkirchen (Cologne and Berlin) or to Munich

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What is an exchange? During a student exchange, students will live with a host family rather than a hotel or hostel and experience Germany through the eyes of an insider. The group is limited to up to 20 participants. German is the only language at CHS that offers a student exchange.

Visit to Germany: Students in German 2, 3 and 4 AP/IB travel with Frau Tsai and another adult chaperone to either Munich, Germany or Gelsenkirchen (Cologne and Berlin) and live with their German host family. They attend school, field trips and study the language and culture for two weeks. We depart right after school ends in June, so the students do not miss any valuable class time. German schools are still in session until the middle of July, so our students will see regular classes and instruction. The program is subject to change, depending on the planning of the teachers in Germany, but generally, the students attend school during the day and have half-day field trips in the afternoon. Occasionally, students will go on day long field trips to destinations that are further away. On the program for the Munich exchange is the Neuschwanstein Castle (which inspired Disney), the BMW or Audi factory and museum, art and science museums, Dachau concentration camp, and day trips to surrounding cities, such as Nuernberg with guided tours or soccer stadiums. On the program for the Gelsenkirchen exchange is a weekend in Berlin, trips to nearby cities, such as Cologne, Dortmund, Münster and Stuttgart. We visit their coal mines, city hall, tours at art, science and technology museums and much more.

Visit from German exchange partner: In the spring, students from Germany will live with their CHS partners and attend CHS classes and experience the LA culture through visits to the African American Museum, California Science Museum, Getty Center, Santa Monica beach, Universal Studios, San Gabriel Mission, Hollywood and Downtown LA and much, much more. Depending on their Easter break, the students from Germany will generally arrive a week before spring break or stay one week after spring break. Most of the full-day trips will be taken during spring break.

Benefits of a student exchange: Students develop as independent scholars and young adults, experience and practice the language in home, school and social situations and see culture up close and personal. This is excellent practice for the university or study abroad, since students will be required to be independent and responsible, yet will have enough supervision from teachers and adult chaperones to ensure their safety and well-being. Students, who have participated in the past, have always said that the student exchange is a life-changing experience and many keep life-long friendships with their exchange partner, their families and their friends and other participants.

Costs: under \$2,500, includes airfare and ground transportation costs for 4 weeks (2 weeks in Germany and 2 weeks here) and room and board for the exchange student. Room and board will be provided in Germany by your host family. The only requirement to participate is that your exchange student needs their own bed, but not necessarily their own room. Spending money in Germany will depend on your child's usual spending costs. We will also be fundraising for this exchange.

Interested? Check out the Events Calendar for upcoming informational meetings for the German Exchange.

We are a GAPP school and are funded partially and sponsored by the German Foreign Office and the US Department of State. GAPP offers scholarships and financial assistance. You can find more information on GAPP- German American Partnership Program at www.goethe.de/gapp

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