

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Opportunity for High School Students
2016 - 2017
Hessen-Wisconsin High School
Student Exchange Program



Hessen is Wisconsin's sister state in Germany with its beautiful and historic capital of Wiesbaden. It also is home to Frankfurt, a dynamic leading city of the new European Union. Hessen captivates travelers with everything from old castles to modern rock festivals, a fascinating blend of history and modernity.



Please encourage qualified students to apply. The application deadline is **February 15, 2016**. Successful applicants will be notified in April.

Rich learning opportunity ~

- **Ideal cost:** With staffing support from two state departments of education, students have a reputable program for unusually low cost.
- **Ideal length of study:** Longer than a summer-study trip but shorter than a full-year abroad; three months gives students an in-depth cultural experience.
- **A committed partner and family abroad:** This is a one-to-one exchange program in which students are hosted by the very same family of the partner student who visits them in fall 2016.
- **Students from Hessen, Germany,** spend 1st semester, September 2016 through January 2017 (5 months) in Wisconsin schools and communities.
- **Students from Wisconsin** then spend 2nd semester, February through end of April 2017, in Germany. That stay may be extended if all parties agree.
- **Credit and academic honors:** Wisconsin students receive academic credit as determined by school district policies, remain eligible for scholarships and college admission, and gain maturity, tolerance, and international life skills.
- **Students enrolled in German II or higher** (or with acceptable proficiency levels) are eligible to apply. Applicants must be at least sophomores in 2016-17.
- **Families of Wisconsin applicants** must be willing to host a German student in their home during the fall. **Hosting only opportunities** are available if US students aren't able to travel. Students applying under this option are not required to be proficient in German.
- **Letters of recommendation** from the German teacher and a school administrator or guidance counselor are required.
- **Program Costs:** \$450 is the DPI program fee, plus costs of hosting a guest student, plus airfare for one roundtrip to Frankfurt, Germany, plus incidentals, including a monthly allowance to the Wisconsin student in Germany. **There is no program fee for hosting only.**

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