

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Opportunity for High School Students
2019-2020
Hessen-Wisconsin High School
Student Exchange Program



Hessen, with its beautiful and historic capital Wiesbaden, is Wisconsin's sister state in Germany. It is also 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 **January 25, 2019**. Successful applicants will be notified by March.

Rich learning opportunity ~

- **Ideal cost:** With staffing support from two state departments of education, students have a reputable program for an unusually low cost.
- **Ideal length of study:** Longer than a summer-study trip but shorter than a full-year abroad, three months provides students with an in-depth language and cultural experience.
- **A committed partner and family abroad:** This is a one-to-one exchange program in which students are hosted by the same family of the partner student who visits them in fall 2019.
- **Students from Hessen, Germany,** spend first semester, September 2019 through January 2020 (five months), in Wisconsin schools and communities.
- **Students from Wisconsin** then spend second semester, February through the end of April 2020, 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, intercultural skills, and international life experience.
- **Students enrolled in German II or higher** (or with acceptable proficiency levels) are eligible to apply. Applicants must be at least sophomores in 2019-2020.
- **Families of Wisconsin applicants** must be willing to host a German student in their home during the fall semester. **Hosting-only opportunities** are available if U.S. 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, 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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