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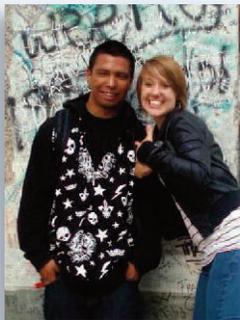
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GAPP Opens the Door to German Language and Culture

GAPP is an exchange program that provides high school students with the opportunity to learn about German culture and study the German language – in Germany.

This exciting program motivates students to learn a foreign language and to gain more knowledge about Germany's culture, people and history. Students feel like their efforts are rewarded when they have the opportunity to put their language skills into action in a country where the language is spoken.



Books can only go so far; GAPP takes students there.

Traveling as an exchange student presents participants with a unique opportunity to experience Germany as a resident and not

just as a tourist. Host families open their homes and offer students a window into the German culture and the chance to practice German in a casual, authentic setting. By living with a German student's family and sharing their daily routine of school, leisure activities, and social events, participants are encouraged to experience German customs and values as well as to go beyond preconceived notions. In this way, GAPP helps to create long-lasting friendships between teenagers of two different cultures.

Explore the Wonders of Germany

A GAPP exchange is special; it incorporates both academic and cultural aspects of a comprehensive intercultural experience. Students are invited to take advantage of their time in Germany to enjoy sightseeing.

Germany is a country of remarkable variety. From the cities, such as Berlin, Dresden and Munich, to the very diverse landscapes of north and south, visitors to Germany can see a little bit of everything. There is the modern Germany with its high-powered exports, such as BMWs and Porsches, its gleaming skyscrapers in Frankfurt, and its impressive architecture in Stuttgart.

But Germany also has a more traditional and historical side, ranging from the romantic castles along the Rhine river to the medieval university cities of Heidelberg and Tübingen. Every GAPP location has its own charm, and there is always something interesting to see. The German National Tourist Office (www.germany-tourism.de) provides information on nearby sites including outdoor markets, small villages untouched by time, historic and architectural landmarks, and on the wonderful German food which is as diverse as the people themselves.



How It Works

Participation in GAPP is open to any school that has a German language program or intends to create one.



GAPP exchanges are also possible between German and American schools that are working together on a specific, collaborative teaching project, implemented jointly with the intention of creating a partnership between the two student groups.



Groups of 10 to 20 students, age 15 to 17, travel with their teacher to Germany for about four weeks. For the duration of the stay, students live with their German counterparts, accompany them to school, and join in extracurricular activities.

There is no fee for participating in GAPP. The only costs are airfare, travel expenses and spending money. Some financial aid is available. *continues >*

Careful Coordination Makes It Happen

GAPP provides general guidelines for the student exchange program, but, ultimately, the individual teachers and coordinators are behind the success of each partnership.

They work closely with their counterparts in Germany to design individual programs that make the most of this important learning opportunity. They also ensure that students will experience plenty of "Gemütlichkeit", so the students can concentrate on learning and enjoy their stay.

Open the Door to the Future

Participating in GAPP not only benefits students now – it also opens doors for exciting opportunities in the future.

Students interested in languages or in international business careers will profit from the communication skills and cultural experiences they receive. The experience may even help some students determine a direction for their continuing education or future careers.

The students will also benefit academically since studying another language can improve their English skills and SAT/ATC scores. GAPP gives students a competitive edge that increases their chances for success now and in the future.

Going Strong Since 1972

GAPP, America's most popular exchange program, has grown to over 750 partnerships between American and German secondary schools since its establishment in 1972.

Now, more than 4,000 American students travel to Germany with GAPP every year.

And with more than 330,000 students studying German across the country, even more students will be traveling with GAPP in the future. The GAPP experience is receiving praise from educators, teachers, parents and students alike:

"As is always the case, this exchange was filled with many special moments for the students ... The centerpiece of a GAPP exchange is, of course, the kind of authentic communication in which students can only engage in when in the host country, going to school, and living with a German family."

Joan Campbell, Teacher
Lincoln Sudbury High School, Massachusetts

"One of the best things I like about GAPP is that it is an exchange. It is not one sided, but a sharing of two countries, languages, customs and families."

Bobbi Cambs, Parent
Hellgate High School, Montana

"Think about it, why would you NOT want to go on this trip? You get to develop your language skills, experience a different culture and make friends that will last you a lifetime."

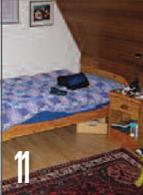
Alicia Poole, Student
Skyview High School, Idaho

"Berlin was one of my favorite parts of the entire trip. I spoke German every chance I had and I absolutely loved the feeling that engulfed me: pure excitement. The experience was intensified due to the German students being there with us. It was surprising how many connections I had with several of the group members, but I suppose friendships transcend continents."

Bryant Edwards, Student
Wissahickon High School, Pennsylvania

"Our daughter returned with many stories of what she loved about the German culture, differences in their education system and with great expanded German skills. Her observations and experiences on this trip will undoubtedly shape her positive opinions about the world we live in and stay with her for life."

Michael Meyers, Parent
Shawnee Heights High School, Kansas

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF A GAPP EXCHANGE			Departure from the U.S.	Arrival in Germany.	Settling in – adjusting to the six to nine hour time difference.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Welcome party for American Group at host school.	Attend classes with host students. Conduct interviews with host school staff members.	Welcome at town hall and guided tour of the city. Evening visit to local sports club.	Adopt an American Student Day. Presentation of special topics on American life.	Visit to Elementary School – Q&A about life in America.	Weekend with host family.	Picnic for families and students.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Job shadowing with host parents.	Visit classes of personal interest.	Visit classes of personal interest. Presentation of special topics to class.	"Project Forest" excursion with German students.	Visit classes of personal interest. Preparations for presentation at host school's prom.	Weekend with host family.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bicycle tour along the local river.	Meetings and discussions with apprentices at a technical college.	Last shopping opportunity. Farewell German-American potluck dinner.	Special preparation class for Berlin trip.	Departure for Berlin.	Stay in Berlin until departure to the U.S.	
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