

Co-curricular Activities

Students will demonstrate interest in global citizenship through active participation and leadership in at least four (4) activities during their high school career. These activities may be chosen from the following list, or students will propose other activities to the administrator of the GEAC.

- o International exchange as an exchange student and/or host - Typically AFS has students that need long- OR short-term housing!

Other opportunities currently available:

For information on having an international experience without leaving home, consider hosting a Department of State- sponsored exchange student.

Learn more at hosting.state.gov

- o Travel abroad program or educational tour

Some opportunities currently available:

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers merit-based scholarships to study for an academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, and Turkey. This program increases understanding between people in the United States and people in countries with significant Muslim populations. Students live with host families, attend local high schools, do community service, and complete a capstone project. Applications for academic year 2017-18 programs are due December 1, 2016. Visit yes-abroad.org for more information.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) offers merit-based scholarships to study for an academic year in Germany. The program was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at usagermanyscholarship.org.

- o Regular, direct communication with individuals from other countries/cultures (pen pals / e-pals, Skype, etc.)
- o Internationally themed programs/competitions
- o Attendance at college/university international programs
- o Language immersion programs (e.g., Concordia Language Villages or locally-sponsored programs)
- o Organizing and running internationally themed events (student proposal to GEAC administrator necessary in advance)

- o Lectures on international topics and/or speakers in the community or at a college/university
- o Comparable activities to those listed above (individual or in collaboration with other individuals or organizations)

Various clubs and opportunities exist at our school. Currently we offer programs such as AFS, FCCLA, and World Language Club (which offers the ability to travel abroad). We also have opportunities for participation in Model UN, [Global Youth Summit](#), and other globally-focused activities that become available to students.

Proposals for student-created opportunities for co-curricular activities will also be considered if submitted to the GEAC Coordinator for approval prior to use as evidence for this component.