

German-American Partnership Program Exchange



Objectives:

The TRHS World Language Exchange Programs have been designed to achieve the following goals:

- **Promotion of the target language and improvement of existing target language skills**
- **Broadening of knowledge of the partner country for students and teachers**
- **Intercultural meetings between students and teachers**
- **Promotion of target language studies at high schools in the USA**
- **Improvement of the competency of target language students in the English language**
- **Further training for teachers of the partner language**
- **Establishment of long-lasting interests in the partner countries**
- **Intensification and sustainability of the relationship between the target country and the USA**

Timberlane is **one of 650** German programs in the US and Canada that have active exchanges with schools in Germany. GAPP provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and befriend peers in Germany. The experiences and friendships made last a lifetime...



Our Partner School in
Droyßig, Germany

Duties of the Host Family

Host families are of particular importance to ensure the success of the school exchange. For the duration of the guest students' stay they assume the parental role and the responsibility for proper supervision. Therefore they should:

- Be involved in the school's preparations for the exchange as early as possible,
- Include the guest students in their family life and spend spare time together,
- Communicate whenever possible only in the language of the host country.



Duties of Participating Students

During their time at the partner school, students should:

- Participate actively in classes and in school life as a whole,
- Participate in family life and, if possible, converse in the language of the host country,
- Follow the rules and regulations established by the families and the school.

During the return visit they should:

- Take in the students of the partner school as guests and include them in curricular and extracurricular activities.



Duties of the Host School

The host school should play an active role in the reception and hosting of the guests:

- Reception and farewell of the guests should be a special event at the school, including a report in the student newspaper or in the school-intern news-bulletin.
- Active participation of the guest students during classes and in extracurricular activities.
- Integration of the foreign guests as resource persons, e.g., in other target language or English classes, and in geography, history, and social studies classes.
- Information and engagement of out-of-school entities which cooperate with the school, including the local media.



Duration of the Exchange Visit

- As a rule, exchange visits last at least three to four weeks, with two weeks thereof being arranged with host families in the city or township of the partner school. During this time, American and target country students should attend classes together or should work together on themes and/or projects of relevance to the curriculum.
- Field trips and excursions around Germany, Austria and Poland are also planned around the exchange visit.



EXCHANGE STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students who participate in the exchange programs represent the school, the community, and the country in a variety of situations. They must understand that the premises of the exchanges are educational in nature, including the improvement of language skills and the development of a better understanding of the target language culture.

Hosting a foreign student in the fall 2015:

- Write to your partner regularly before s/he arrives. Describe your family; tell him or her
 - about all the relatives s/he will be likely to meet.
- Share your life with your partner
- Be interested in learning about your partner
- Adapt some of your activities to accommodate your partner's interests, while still fulfilling
 - your own obligations to school, family, and others
- If you have lengthy time commitments like sports practice after school, be sure that
 - someone is taking over your hosting responsibilities
- Contact you respective language teacher, if you need help with dilemmas