



About the Program

Founded over 50 years ago by the US and German governments, the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP) is a direct exchange between American and German partner schools. In alternating years, students and teachers travel for three weeks to their respective partner school for cultural and language immersion experiences. Schools are also expected to engage in ongoing, collaborative projects around chosen themes.

Costs

GAPP exchanges cost nothing to implement, beyond the teacher's required professional development in Chicago. Otherwise, the program attracts subsidies from the US and German governments. For exchanges, students pay for group airfare, travel insurance, personal spending, and passport costs. The total cost ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per student. There are no other expenses involved.

Partner Schools

Pana High School has drawn significant interest from potential German partner schools. At present, there are informal discussions with the Georg-Forster Gesamtschule, a German comprehensive secondary school located in Wörrstadt. A major interest of GFG's students is agriculture, so collaborative projects around agricultural and/or environmental themes are possible.

Benefits

Students gain valuable international experience while developing their language skills in German. As PHS will be introducing the State Seal of Biliteracy, this experience is critical to that development. A GAPP exchange would also help expose students to the challenges and delights of collaboration on projects of importance.



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