



**D.C. EVEREST  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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**To:** Casey Nye, Superintendent  
**From:** Dallas Rennie  
**Date:** October 14, 2025  
**Subject:** German Trip for Board Approval

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We are seeking approval for an overseas trip to Germany in May/June 2027. A per student cost is \$3200-3500. The only district expense is the teacher/advisor stipend of \$750 per teacher/advisor depending on the number of students going. Students will raise money through fundraisers to pay for their expenses of the trip.

I am asking that you bring this request to the attention of the School Board for approval of the trip. Thank you for your time and assistance with this request.

C: D.C. Everest German teachers' letter regarding this trip

Dear School Board Members -

We, the German teachers of DC Everest, are planning a trip to Germany in May/June 2027. This trip is being hosted by GAPP (German American Partnership Program), a program that has taken DC Everest students to Germany since the 1980s. The chaperones of the trip will be Alyssa Dercks, Amy Stachovak and Luke Stachovak.

American students will be hosted by German families for 2 weeks while attending school in Düsseldorf, Germany. From there, we will travel to Munich where we'll spend three days exploring the city and surrounding area. Students will have a chance to experience German culture first hand. They are expected to speak German, participate in school and family functions, and immerse themselves in German culture.

Students will be enrolled in a preparatory class that will meet once a month beginning in September to prepare them for life in Germany. Each class will have a different topic to discuss such as, German families, German homes, German schools, etc. They will be expected to complete assignments to prepare themselves for travel. Students will be required to prepare one project about life in the US which they will present to German students. While abroad, they will complete a second project about life in Germany which they will present to American students.

German students are traveling here to DC Everest for two weeks in October 2026 and will be staying with the American students who are participating in the GAPP program. This is an actual exchange where American students will stay with the families of the student that they hosted. We feel this opportunity for our DC Everest students will help foster a true understanding of the German culture.

Aside from attending school, students will be involved in other educational opportunities. We will visit Dachau, a concentration camp in southern Germany, historical tours of various cities, see Neuschwanstein - the most famous German castle, and a trip down the Rhein river.

The cost for the GAPP trip is estimated at \$3200 - \$3500 depending on pricing. In order to alleviate costs to students, the German teachers will not be going through a travel organization while booking flights, tours, restaurants, train tickets, hotels, etc. Instead they will be doing the work of organizing our Düsseldorf and München stay. Students are able to fundraise if they wish as soon as they are accepted into the program. We will be doing a gift card fundraiser as well as restaurant fundraisers. .

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request to travel to Germany next summer.

Alyssa Dercks  
Amy Stachovak  
Heidi Kolodziej  
DC Everest German Teachers

