

Madison Public Schools

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TO: Madison Board of Education Curriculum and Student Development Committee

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SUBJECT: German Exchange Program

For two weeks in October 2023, 20 German girls from Freiburg will have the chance to live with host families in Madison and experience American life firsthand. From attending classes at Daniel Hand High School to exploring the local area and immersing themselves in American culture, this program offers an unforgettable experience.

Our carefully selected host families will provide a safe and welcoming environment for the German students, ensuring that they feel at home throughout their stay. And with a full schedule of activities and events planned, including their own trips to nearby cities and cultural attractions, there will be no shortage of opportunities for the German students to make new friends and create lasting memories.

Madison students will then have the opportunity to spend time in Germany over the 2024 summer. The greatest benefit of participating in a student exchange program between American and German students is the opportunity to experience a different culture and language firsthand. By living with a German family and immersing oneself in the local community, the student will gain a better understanding of the culture, customs, and language of Germany. Additionally, the student will be able to make lasting friendships with people from different backgrounds and gain invaluable life experience.

Cc: Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent