



United States

Age : 15 to 18,5



— HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD

High School exchange in the USA (J1)

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Students are hosted by **American volunteer families** and attend classes in **local public High Schools**. Our host families are middle-class families, willing to share their lives, hearts and home with a foreign high school student. Students have the chance to take part in family activities and are encouraged to make the most of their opportunity to learn about everyday life in America from their host family.

Students remain well-supported throughout their stay in the U.S. by having many resources available to them. **Regional coordinators** work together with **local representatives** to place students with families and then support the students as they acclimate to American culture. The support network of **local, regional, and national office staff** in St. Paul, MN is dedicated to assisting students in having an enjoyable and memorable experience in the U.S.

Extracurricular activities are offered by all American high schools: sports and music are really popular but photography or volunteer work may also be proposed. These activities are a good way to integrate and to make friends among American students.

Participation in school sports is not guaranteed. Athletic availability and

eligibility is determined by local school districts and state high school athletic associations. Students should check with the athletic director at their high school regarding eligibility if they would like to participate in a sport. Most communities offer athletics apart from school, and students are encouraged to participate if they are interested.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

The **curriculum is not standardized** and students may choose from a variety of subjects: English (grammar, writing, literature, theatre etc...), Physical Education including Health courses, Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences including US History and US Government, Business, Psychology, Philosophy, Industrial Design, Economy, etc.

The student is responsible for all school fees during his/her high school program in the USA: registration, books, lockers, laboratories, gym/physical education, yearbook, class ring, letter jacket, student activities, extracurricular etc. The school year runs from August to June.



Location : All over the country

Boarding : Full board

Accommodation : Host family

Length : Semester / Academic Year

Type : Public



Host families welcome students voluntarily as a member of their own family. They want students to participate in family and school activities and learn more about the American lifestyle and culture. They also want to learn about the students' country and culture.

These families are volunteers and provide room and board as well as the care and support necessary for students as they learn and adjust to life in the US.

Application deadline : April 15th for an arrival in August; September 15th for an arrival in January.

Requirements : Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. They must not have graduated in their home country nor have completed more than 11 years of school. A minimum of 3-5 years of English study and above-average academic results are required. An ELTIS test will be required during the application process.

PROGRAM	REF.	PRICE
Public Semester	ZUSS1/ZUSS2	ON REQUEST
Public Academic Year	ZUSY1	ON REQUEST