

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
*Exceptional Opportunity for High School Students*  
**2010 - 2011**  
**Hessen-Wisconsin High School**  
**Student Exchange Program**



*Hessen is Wisconsin's sister state in Germany. With its beautiful and historic capital of Wiesbaden. It also is home to Frankfurt, a dynamic leading city of the new European Union. Hessen captivates travelers with everything from old castles to modern rock festivals, a fascinating blend of history and modernity.*



Please encourage qualified students to apply. The application deadline is **February 15, 2010**. Successful applicants will be notified in March.

**Rich learning opportunity ~**

- **Ideal cost:** With staffing support from two state departments of education, students have a reputable program for unusually low cost.
- **Ideal length of study:** Longer than a summer study-trip but shorter than a full-year abroad, three months gives students an in-depth cultural experience.
- **A committed partner and family abroad:** This is a one-to-one exchange program in which students are hosted by the very same family of the partner student who visits them in fall 2010.
- **Students from Hessen, Germany,** spend 1<sup>st</sup> semester, September 2010 through early February 2011 (5 months), in Wisconsin schools and communities.
- **Students from Wisconsin** then spend 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, February through end of April 2011, in homes and schools in small German towns or cosmopolitan cities.
- **Credit and academic honors:** Wisconsin students receive academic credit as determined by school district policies, remain eligible for scholarships and college admission, and gain maturity, tolerance, and international life skills.
- **Students enrolled in German II, III, IV, or V** (or with speaking experience) are eligible to apply. Students must be at least sophomores in 2010-11.
- **Families of Wisconsin applicants** must be willing to host a German student in their home during the fall. (A few "hosting only" opportunities are available if US students aren't able to travel.)
- **Letters of recommendation** from the German teacher and a school administrator or guidance counselor are required.
- **Program Costs:** \$400 is the DPI program fee; plus costs of hosting a guest student, plus airfare for one roundtrip to Frankfurt, Germany, plus incidentals, including a monthly allowance to the Wisconsin student in Germany.

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| <p><b>REQUEST INFO PACKET</b><br/> (includes application)</p> <p>Connie Haas<br/> PH: 608-267-9267<br/> FAX: 608-266-1965<br/> connie.haas@dpi.wi.gov</p> |  | <p><b>DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS</b><br/> from DPI's Website:<br/> <a href="http://www.dpi.wi.gov/cal/germanprograms.html">http://www.dpi.wi.gov/cal/germanprograms.html</a><br/> (Look for: "Student Exchange Program," "Application")</p> |
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