

Germany

Virtual Student Exchange Program

Program details

You will be paired with a student from Hessen, Germany and will participate in weekly online meetings over a period of six weeks.

The program starts in February and ends in April. You will meet twice a week with your exchange partner and take turns hosting meetings and discussing a variety of topics that are provided to you as well as others of your choosing.

Eligibility

Students in Grades 9-12 who are studying German (including German bilingual programs) are eligible to apply based on the following criteria:

- students must have completed German 10, or are a Grade 9-12 student in a German bilingual program before participating in the exchange
- students must be recommended by their German language teachers based on language proficiency and academic standing, as well as personal qualities such as maturity and openness to other cultures.

Benefits

Virtual exchanges provide valuable personal and academic experiences to students, such as:

- structured meetings with an exchange partner that allows you to develop and showcase your language skills in German
- flexibility in scheduling virtual meetings that allows you to continue your athletic or academic extra-curricular activities without interruption
- opportunities for you to develop intercultural awareness and appreciation through discussions with your exchange partner
- building your leadership and career skills through preparation and hosting of online meetings
- a cost-free way to continue your language and cultural development
- preparation for an in-person study abroad experience at a later point in your education

Cost

There are no costs associated with applying to and participating in the virtual exchange.

"I enjoyed talking to my partner every week and getting to know her family as well. I learnt a lot about Germany and improved my language skills through our meetings."

Application procedure

Speak with your German language teacher and/or visit www.studyabroad.alberta.ca for more information.

Interested students must ensure that their application is emailed to studyabroad@gov.ab.ca by the deadline listed on the application package.

Application instructions and forms are available [online](#).



Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Email: studyabroad@gov.ab.ca
- Phone: 403-297-5896 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)

For more information go to: www.studyabroad.alberta.ca

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