

Foreign Exchange Program

Information about the German American Partnership Program

2020/21



1. What is GAPP?

GAPP offers a great opportunity for American students to go to Germany and for German students to go to America

GAPP (German American Partnership Program) is supported by the US government and the German government. GAPP is a cultural exchange program. US students and German students are expected to go to school during their exchange visit for about ten days. In addition, there are all kinds of excursions. There are over 1400 GAPP schools in the USA and Germany. Braden River, Southeast and the Collegiate School of the State College of Florida are GAPP schools in Manatee County.

2. Time-frame:

German students will come to Florida for about 23 days in October 2020. They will live in the homes of their American student`s family. Therefore, there will be no costs for basic food and lodging. They will be accompanied by two German chaperones who both teach at Max-Planck-Gymnasium in Gelsenkirchen/Germany.

The American students will go to Germany for about three weeks in June 2021 (after the school year ends). They will stay in their German student`s family. Therefore, there will not be any costs for basic food and lodging either. They will be accompanied by a teacher from one of our participating high schools in Manatee County.

3. House-rules

Students will be expected to follow the house rules of their families.

4. Name and address of school in Germany:

Max-Planck-Gymnasium
Goldbergstraße 91
45894 Gelsenkirchen, Germany
<http://www.mpg-ge.de>

5. Planned excursions in Germany

- * Cologne (cathedral, Roman-Germanic Museum, Chocolate Museum)
- *Dusseldorf (the “Old Town” and King`s Alley)
- *Muenster and Muensterland castle tour
- * Indoor skiing resort in Neuss
- *5 -7 day trip to exciting destinations in Germany for example Munich or Berlin, (Austria) or other destinations in Europe

6. Planned excursions in Florida

- *Ringling School of Arts
- *Ringling Museum
- *High school football Game
- *Kayak Tour in the Robinson Preserve
- *Visit to News Channel 8 in Tampa
- *Overnight trip to Orlando's SeaWorld or Universal to visit Harry Potter World

7. Flight:

from Tampa to Duesseldorf/Amsterdam

8. Costs:

about \$2000 USD (present estimate) including flight, housing, food and all the excursions plus spending money

If you don't have a passport it would be an additional \$100

9. Contact us

Feel free to contact Mrs. Connie Klaesener (Senior German GAPP advisor with any questions. Mrs Klaesener can also be reached locally (until January 26th) at (941) 383-1590 or after that on WhatsApp at +491728570805 or by e-mail at CKlaesener@aol.com

[If you attend Braden River High School, you may also speak with Mrs. Patmor in room 603 or email her at thorsen-patmorj@manateeschools.net. She teaches at Braden River, and her son was in GAPP program during the 2017-2018 school year. ☺](#)

[If you attend Southeast High School, you can speak with Ms. Duarte in room 708 or email her at duartem@manateeschools.net.](#)

PLEASE CONTACT US ASAP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM. WE WILL SEND YOU A PERMISSION FORM.