

Academies of Loudoun and Hohenstaufen-Gymnasium Partnership Details and Application

The Academies of Loudoun has formed a partnership with a school in Germany, Hohenstaufen-Gymnasium, to provide students with opportunities to participate as STEM learners in the International Community. Student collaboration will operate on a one-year cycle. Selected students will participate in a shared exploration of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a cultural exchange.

General Overview

- Students work in teams of 4. There are 2 ACL students plus 2 German students per collaboration group.
- Current 11th grade students from each of the three Academies of Loudoun programs are encouraged to apply.
- Participants will be selected based on several criteria including student [application](#) responses, staff recommendations, and a curiosity and interest in addressing issues raised by the UN's SDGs.
- Successful students must be flexible and able to collaborate with peers and can balance additional responsibilities in hosting and communicating with your German partners.
- This opportunity will be a good fit for students who might enjoy traveling, want to engage with other cultures, and enjoy trying new foods.
- Costs associated with the program include the flight to Germany in June 2023. More information about anticipated costs will be shared as soon as they are available.

2022-2023 Application and Partnership Timeline

September 2022

- Friday, September 9, 2022 - Application window opens
- Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:00 pm - [Virtual information session](#) for interested students and families
- **Friday, September 23, 2022, 4:00 pm** - Application deadline
- Wednesday, September 28, 2022 - Students selection announced by email

October 2022 - A Partnership Information Meeting for selected students and host families will be scheduled. Specific meeting details will be shared in the selection email on September 28, 2022.

November 14-21, 2022

- Collaborating students and faculty from Hohenstaufen-Gymnasium come to the U.S. and visit the Academies of Loudoun. During their time here, we will engage in team building activities, including visits to local sites of interest. While attending classes at the Academies, teams will plan their exploration of their selected United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s). Visiting students stay in student homes.
- All participants are expected to engage fully in partnership activities. This includes potentially missing practices and club activities although exceptions for games can be made.
- Visiting students will also visit home high schools with their student partners on non-ACL days.

2022-2023 School Year - Students will continue to explore and stay in close contact with their German colleagues.

June 2023 - ACL students travel to Germany to share the outcomes of their Sustainable Development Goals exploration and to engage in further cultural exchange.

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