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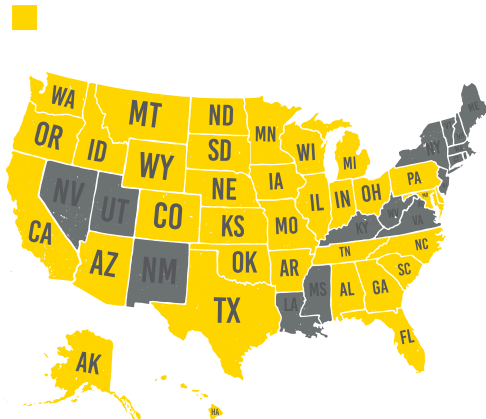
SEMESTER

YEAR

HOST FAMILYPUBLIC
SCHOOL

COUNTRY MAP

STS CLASSIC LOCATIONS



National holiday: 4th July

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty in New York City. The statue is green and stands prominently in the foreground, holding a torch in its right hand and a tablet in its left. The background features a dense skyline of skyscrapers under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Optional trips: Options to join trips in the US during the year

In the USA, the school year is divided into fall and spring semesters. The school year starts between early August and early September, depending on the state. Schools often have six or eight different subjects each day, of which two are often obligatory to exchange students: English and American History or American Government. There is usually a variety of other subjects to choose from to fill in the rest of the classes.

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

Americans tend to be outgoing and positive. Students will usually find their American host family and friends generous and hospitable. Hardworking as they are, Americans also enjoy an active social life. Sports of all kinds are very popular. Many people belong to different sports clubs and others are members of a church or a community group. Neighbours and friends are often invited to dinner and barbecues in the backyard.

Host families are volunteers who love learning about other cultures and want to share their culture with their student. American host parents treat their student as their own. Host families come in all different shapes and sizes, but each one goes through a thorough application process that includes, among other things, a home visit and background checks.

There are many after school activities for students to choose from. Sport is an important part of the American school culture and most schools have teams in many different sports. Popular sports are Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball and American Football. Sports practices tend to take place everyday after school, with one or two games a week.

If students are not interested in sports, they can join one of the other clubs the school has to offer. They vary by school, but may include Drama Club, Math Team, Robotics, Choir, Spanish Club, and the School Newspaper. All exchange students to the USA are invited to participate in several excursions during the year.