

Milwaukee School of Languages

*International Exchange
Program*

International Exchange

Providing an International Education
Creating an International Family

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Topics of Discussion

- Enrolling International Students
- Scheduling International Students
- Fees & Transportation
- Welcome Activities
- Extracurricular Activities
- Study Halls
- Areas of Concern
- MSL Student/Staff International Travel

Enrolling International Students

- MPS central administration receives requests from international agencies to place students:
AFS Rotary Club School Year Abroad YFU
- MPS inquires if school will receive international students' placements
- The principal has the final decision on admitting international students

****MSL has a history of accepting all international student placement requests due to our unique immersion program****

Scheduling International Students

- The host families initiate contact with the guidance counselor prior to the first day of school to set up a scheduling meeting
- Placement into classes is based on international students' educational levels and MSL class sizes
- It is important to enable each student's academic success as well as providing academically challenging courses
- Students are invited to schedule one hour in the language class of their background. Students will assist the teacher with the class.
- Schedule changes may be requested in the event of unbefitting placements
- The host parents are contacted for any schedule change requests

Fees & Transportation

- MSL school fees are waived
- Transportation is the same for all students
- The host families are responsible for paying for the international students' lunch

Welcome Activities

- MSL students seek out relationships with international students
- International students are invited to the *Welcome to MSL Breakfast*
 - Host families are invited
 - Each international student invites a new MSL friend
- The principal welcomes each student and highlights their home country
- The host families are acknowledged and each student receives a gift from our school (book bag, Yearbook, etc...)

Extracurricular Activities

- International students are encouraged to participate in athletics, clubs, and activities
- Some agencies require that the international students participate in extracurricular activities
- Students are asked to provide presentations for the community
 - Volunteer one day at our Milwaukee Folk Fair
 - Volunteer at MSL's *Festival of Nations*
- International students bring items to share with families from our school and local community

Study Halls

- Study halls can be helpful for some international students struggling with the English language
- Some international agencies will not allow students to have a study hall and require a full schedule

Graduation

- International Students with Senior Status
 - * Transcript review from international school
 - * Creation of MSL transcripts
 - * Attend graduation - wearing cap & gown
 - * Diplomas are received
- International Students with Sophomore & Junior Status
 - * Creation of transcripts for MSL - Transcript completed for courses taken during year of attendance
 - * Participate in all end of the school year, senior activities
 - * Attend graduation – no cap & gown allowed
 - * Certificate of Completion received

Areas of Concern

- Scheduling requests that cannot be met due to limited course availability
- Failing grades
- Inappropriate behavior
- Unhappy students due to host family issues

MSL Student/Staff International Travel

- Summer travel for 6 weeks through AFS scholarships and year abroad programs.
- International organizations contact guidance to present travel abroad information to all students.
- Through personal contacts, staff organizes 2 – 6 week exchange programs, arranging home stays for our students
- Promote college abroad opportunities
- Our staff travels through educational programs
- MSL Staff ongoing International Educational Staff Travel
- International Teacher Exchange Program

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