

ALL CIEE HS USA STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**AGE**

Students must be between 15 and 18.5 years old on their program start date. Therefore, all January 2023 participant birthdays must occur between July 31, 2004 – January 1, 2008. All August 2023 participant birthdays must occur between March 1, 2005 – August 31, 2008 in order to be considered.

HIGH SCHOOL

Students must not have completed more than 11 years of primary and secondary school (excluding kindergarten).

VISA REGULATIONS

Students must not have previously participated in a secondary school exchange program in the United States, nor should they have held a J-1 or F-1 visa in the past. Students cannot be U.S. citizens.

MOTIVATION

The student must be comfortable with the decision to enroll in the USA High School Program. This should not be the decision of a parent or teacher, but one made by the student participant with the full support of parents or teachers.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Students must have studied English in an academic environment, a school, or a language school for a minimum of three years. Students cannot have failed a year of English in the last three years at school. Students must understand and speak English and will be administered a Standard English test. A minimum score of 212 on ELTiS 1 or 670 on ELTiS 2.0 (or similar test) is required.

SCHOOL GRADES

Students must submit school transcripts for the current and three previous academic years. Grades need to be translated into the U.S. grading system. These records must indicate a grade point average of 2.6 on a scale of 4.0 (C+) or better. Students cannot have failed a year of school. Students' grades that have dropped will adversely affect eligibility and placement.

NOTE: All students should be aware that the CIEE program is a cultural exchange. The U.S. High School determines grade level and graduation policies. This means that a student may be enrolled at a lower grade level than in their home country. Most students will not receive a high school diploma.