

DO YOUR STUDENTS MEET THIS CRITERIA?

Age

Students must be between the ages of 15 and 18.5 years old. Students applying for a January program, must be 15 by January 1st, of the program year in order to be considered/accepted to the program, and no older than 18.5 on arrival to the United States. Students applying for an August program, must be 15 by August 31st of the program year in order to be considered/accepted to the program, and no older than 18.5 on arrival to the United States.

High School

Students who have graduated in their home country prior to participation on the USA High School program may not participate on the program. Student must not have completed more than 11 years of school.

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. The required test is the ELTiS and a score of 215 or higher 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.

Personal Qualities

Students must demonstrate the personal qualities necessary to manage a school year away from home. These qualities include maturity, flexibility, open-mindedness, honesty, integrity, and re-sponsibility. Evaluation of personal qualities must be determined by a personal interview, by asking the natural parents about their child, and by reviewing teacher references. In some instances, CIEE may conduct a personal interview with the student by Skype.

Motivation

The student must be comfortable with the decision to enroll in the High School Exchange USA 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.

Visa Regulations

Students should not have previously participated on an academic year or semester high school program in the U.S. in either the J-1 or F-1 category. Students cannot be U.S. citizens.

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.