

Dear Wabash Family,

We are excited to bring a wonderful opportunity to the students of Wabash City Schools. One of Wabash City Schools' Core Pillars is Citizenship. WCS embraces the global community and strongly values diversity; we view both as being valuable for student success in a global community. In preparing our students for a global community, we offer our dual language immersion program and international student program. Additionally, our students regularly make trips to major cities such as Washington DC and as far as Spain. Wabash Middle School has an 18-day summer science club trip that crosses the country exploring the amazing American landscape.

In this tradition, we are excited to announce another exciting opportunity in promoting global citizenship. Wabash City Schools has established a student exchange relationship with Yamate Gakuin High School in Yokohama, Japan. In April, we will be hosting 8 Japanese students—4 male and 4 female students—from Yamate Gakuin. We are looking for 4 host homes that would be willing to host 2 students from April 12-26, 2019; and we are looking for 4 students to travel to Yokohama, Japan from July 19-August 3rd, 2019.

In seeking host homes, Wabash City Schools will place a premium on homes with high school students who may desire to travel to Japan later in the summer of 2019 and homes that are able to accommodate 2 students. Since this exchange is scheduled to recur every 2 years, we will also place an emphasis on homes with Wabash High School students currently in grades 10 and 11. The summer trip to Japan costs \$2500 per student. While this expense is due by February, future trips will provide students more time in fundraising opportunities.

Host homes should be committed to providing meals for students outside of meals provided by the school during the school day. Additionally, both host students and students who travel to Japan should be willing to be Wabash City Schools' Ambassadors for WCS Global Studies: students should be willing to prepare and present on their experiences to both their fellow students and to the community.

We encourage everyone who is interested to apply for these two wonderful opportunities. We recognize that more students will want to take advantage of this opportunity than we have spots to accommodate; therefore, for those students who apply and do not get selected, we will look to offer another international trip for the spring/summer of 2020. Please contact me at 563-2151 or callahaj@apaches.k12.in.us if you have any additional questions. Applications will be received through January 9, 2019 and host homes and students who are selected to travel will be notified by January 11th.

Sincerely,

Jason Callahan
Superintendent



JAPANESE EXCHANGE APPLICATION

YAMATE GAKUIN – Wabash High School

Date: July 19-Aug 3, 2019

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____ Can you receive texts? YES NO

Student Email: _____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Father's Name: _____ Father's Cell: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Cell: _____

Parent Email: _____

Which parent is the best to contact? _____

Comments:

Why do you want to travel to Japan? _____



Explain why you would be a good representative of Wabash High School and the USA. Would you be willing to be an ambassador for the program and speak publicly about the program in the community?

Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? _____ If so, describe when, where, and why:

Foods you like: _____

Foods you dislike: _____

Interests and hobbies: _____

Favorite school subjects: _____

Extra Curricular Involvement at School: _____

Please list any allergies that may affect host family placement (ie. animal & food allergies):
