



SMMSH GAPP commitment contract 2018/2019

What is GAPP?

GAPP is the German American Partnership Program, an exchange program for students in grades 9/10. During the exchange, students first host a German student for about 4 weeks in the fall, and then live with that student and their family for about 4 weeks after school lets out in May. We travel to Germany as a group and do a variety of activities, ranging from attending school and learning about German history and culture to visiting cities such as Berlin, Münster, and Köln.

Cost & Deadlines

The total trip costs \$2000. This covers roundtrip airfare to Germany, a 3 day trip to Berlin, all transportation in Germany, the stay with a host family, several day trips (canoeing, bike tour, water skiing, ...) and travel insurance. A non refundable deposit of \$200 is due by May 31st, 2018. The total balance is due on January 1, 2019.

New for 2018/2019

In an effort to make this trip more student driven participating GAPP students will be placed in Mrs. Drapers advisory class and will each plan ONE activity for the German students while they are here at SMMHS. This can be a school activity or a field trip. 10th grade students can choose to do this as their personal project that is required for 10th grade or GAPP participants can earn CAS hours, which look great on any resume!

Yes, I already filled out the online application form on the SMMHS website to participate in the 2018/2019 GAPP exchange!

Yes, Mrs. Draper informed me about having to organize one day for the German students while they are at SMMHS.

Name: _____

Grade in school year 2018/2019: 9th grade 10th grade

DOB (dd/mm/yy): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email of parents or guardian: _____

phone: 423- _____

GAPP Parent permission

Yes, my son/my daughter _____ has permission to participate in the 2018/2019 GAPP exchange. We understand that our responsibilities as a family are:

- hosting a German exchange student for about 4 weeks in October 2018 (which includes fall break)
- participating in fundraising/recruitment activities for the GAPP exchange in February 2019 during directed studies
- joining the SMMHS GAPP group in flying to Hamm, Germany and staying with a host family for about 4 weeks at the end of May 2019

GAPP Payment commitment

- Step 1: Pay the \$200 deposit by **May 31, 2018**.

Unfortunately, this deposit is nonrefundable since we need it to pay the activities for the German students while at SMMHS. In return, all student activities in Germany are paid for by the Beisenkamp Gymnasium.

- Step 2: Choose a payment plan.

Payment plan options start AFTER your \$200 deposit. Please make checks out to SMMHS GAPP and write the name of the participating student on the reference line. Check one:

- Full Payment** – pay the \$1800 balance in full before winter break 2018. Forms of payment include cash or check and need to be handed in to Mrs. Draper.
- Partial Payment Plan** – The partial payment consists of 2 payments. The 1st payment of \$900 is due by September 1, 2018 and the 2nd payment of \$900 is due before winter break 2018. Forms of payment include cash or check and need to be handed in to Mrs. Draper.
- Monthly Payment Plan** – The monthly plan begins in May and concludes in January. Each monthly payment is \$200. Payments are automatically debited from your credit card or checking account on the 1st of each month by MEF. Please email Hilarie Robison at hrobison@meftoday.org to set up your monthly payment plan.

- Step 3: Signature confirmation

I agree to pay the full amount no later than **January 1, 2019** since we cannot pay for plane tickets until we have everyone's money. No money will be refunded after January 1, 2019.

Date: _____
(Parent signature)

Your application will be official once I have your \$200 deposit and an email confirmation from Hilarie Robinson that you set up your payment plan. You will then receive an official email confirmation that you have been accepted to the GAPP exchange 2018/2019.