

WHAT IS BCHLA?

The BCHLA was established in 1982 and is a nonprofit organization that actively promotes cross-cultural understanding through heritage, international language instruction and education.

BCHLA serves as the umbrella body for second language programs involved in the teaching of heritage and international languages.

BCHLA's primary objectives have included:

- supporting and promoting second language education
- assisting in the development of second language curricula and teaching materials
- supporting second language instructor training and skill development
- administrating international student exchanges

BCHLA supports the view that international language education increases the level of respect and appreciation for multiculturalism and the diversity of Canada's peoples.

The BC-Germany Student Exchange Program is administered by the BCHLA in Canada. In Germany it is administered by the Ministry of Education of the Rhineland-Palatinate.

TIMELINE

Mid October to end of February

Exchange application form must be received by BCHLA, including the \$875.00 program fee. Staggered fee payment optional.

Late April

Matching between BC and German students is completed; students in both BC and Germany receive a copy of their partner's application. Students should begin and continue to correspond with their partners.

May / June

Orientation meetings for BC students / families who have been matched in preparation for the arrival of their German partner. Meetings are scheduled across BC. All participants must attend.

Late August

German exchange partners arrive.

Late September

Initial deposit for airfare due to BCHLA travel agent, Forbes Travel International.

Early November

Balance of airfare due to Forbes Travel International. German students depart.

Early March

BC students depart to Germany.

Mid May

BC students return to Canada.

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SPRING ON AN ACADEMIC
EXCHANGE TO...

GERMANY



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BC - GERMANY STUDENT EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE OBJECTIVES

A fantastic and unique opportunity for students in Grades 10 to 12 to participate in a reciprocal academic exchange during the school year. Please call or email for more information.

This exchange aspires to:

- improve German language proficiency
- introduce students with no prior German knowledge to a basic understanding of the language
- promote international goodwill and understanding

Interested students are encouraged to discuss the exchange with their German Teacher, their school counselor or to call the BCHLA, as their first step.

OUR EXCHANGE INCLUDES

- chaperoned travel to and from Germany
- preparatory orientation meetings
- a 10-week long academic reciprocal exchange between your German partner and yourself (homestay with your family)
- opportunities to participate in German school-sponsored activities, such as field trips, and other extra-curricular activities and events
- the opportunity to forge life-long friendships
- administrative support provided by BCHLA.

APPLICATION



Application forms and more detailed information are available on the BCHLA website:

www.bchla.net

Applications for the
2017/18
BC-Germany Student
Exchange accepted starting
October 15, 2016 until
February 28, 2017

COST

- \$875.00 BCHLA program fee. Staggered fee payment possible. Please email for more information.
- Airfare and travel insurance (group flights will be arranged by Forbes Travel International, the official BCHLA travel agent).



For further information, please contact us via email at info@bchla.net or leave a message at 604.298.4526