

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAMS

The School District of Amery supports quality educational opportunities for enrolled Amery students to attend schools in foreign countries. The following guidelines have been set forth to ensure that students from the School District of Amery who attend a school in a foreign country will do such study in a manner as to best maintain their progress towards graduation from Amery High School. Further, it is the express interest of the School District to provide interested Amery students with a high quality experience living in and attending school in a foreign country.

A student planning to attend school in another country must notify high school administration of this intent. This notification must be made before April 1st of the school year immediately prior to the foreign study. A meeting consisting of the student intending to participate in the foreign study, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), a High School guidance counselor, and the Amery High School Principal must be held prior to May 1st of the school year immediately prior to the foreign study. The purpose of this meeting is to enter into a contract for this intended foreign study. The below stated academic conditions are to be included in this contract.

In order for a student to participate in a foreign study program, they must have Board of Education approval. This approval must be secured by a student no later than June 1st of the school year immediately prior to the foreign study. The following academic conditions for foreign study by Amery High School students will apply:

1. Graduation requirements will not be waived through participation in a foreign study program.
2. Academic credit earned in foreign study programs will be awarded on a pass/fail basis. Letter grades will not be awarded for this academic credit.
3. Pass/fail classes are not factored into the student's grade point average.
4. Academic credit earned for taking part in a foreign study program will be included as part of the student's school transcript.
5. Students who spend one semester in a foreign study program will earn up to four (4) credits.
6. Students who spend an entire year in a foreign study program will earn up to eight (8) credits.

The following will apply for students wishing to participate in foreign study:

1. Students may only participate in a foreign study program during their senior year of high school
2. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and a minimum of 22 credits at the end of the third term of their junior year to participate in a foreign study program
3. Students are responsible for submitting documentation from the sponsoring agency prior to participation in a foreign study program
4. Upon return from foreign study, the student is responsible for providing the Amery High School guidance office with a transcript from the host school and/or documentation of studies
5. Students who choose to take part in foreign study may forego the opportunity to be a part of Amery High School graduation
6. Students interested in participating in a foreign study program must secure three letters of recommendation for said study from Amery High School faculty members. Letters must be submitted to the High School Principal before May 1st of the school year immediately prior to the foreign study.

The School District of Amery reserves the right to rescind approval for foreign study when the safety and/or health of a prior approved student is in question.

ADOPTED: June 21, 2010