

TRANSFER OF CREDITS FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDY

The School District of Amery supports quality educational opportunities for local students to attend schools in foreign countries. The following guidelines have been established to ensure that students from the School District of Amery who attend a school in a foreign country through an approved program will do so in such a manner as to best maintain their progress toward graduation from the Amery High School.

1. Prior to May 1st of the year the student wishes to attend a school in a foreign country, a meeting will be held between the student, their parent/guardian, the school guidance counselor, the building Principal and a representative of the sponsoring agency to discuss the implications of the student's desire to study abroad.
2. Upon receipt of a transcript from the host school as verification that the student has participated satisfactorily in an approved foreign exchange program, the High School Principal may:
 - a. Award 3.0 credits per semester for independent study, more specifically as a foreign culture experience.
 - b. Award .5 credit for submitting a log or journal of their exchange experience to the High School Principal and make presentations about their exchange experience before a civic organization (Lions, Women's Club, Rotary, etc.) and High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and Elementary School classes.
 - c. A maximum of 3.5 total credits may be earned each semester.
 - d. If no credit is chosen as the option, the student is not eligible to apply for district-administered scholarships and competitive awards or the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.
3. Summer Credit
 - a. Award .5 credit for cultural experience. Student must have participated a minimum of eight weeks as part of an organized foreign exchange program. Student must submit a log or journal of their exchange experience to the High School Principal and make presentations about their exchange experience before a civic organization (Lions, Women's Club, Rotary, etc.) and High School Social Studies classes. Credit will be awarded on a Pass/Fail basis.
4. Graduation Requirements
 - a. Credits earned while participating in exchange programs will be considered elective credits.
 - b. Graduation requirements will not be waived through participation in a foreign study program.
 - c. Credit will be awarded on a Pass/Fail basis. Letter grades will not be awarded.
5. Student Class Rank/Grade Point Average
 - a. The student's grade point average will not be affected by the credits earned during the exchange program, but due to grade point changes for other students, class rank may be impacted.
 - b. The student, their parent/guardian and the school counselor must meet prior to participation in the exchange program to plan and verify graduation requirements.

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