



SPIRAL HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The High School Placement Program is a cross-cultural learning program sponsored by Special Programs for Inter-cultural Relationships and Learning (SPIRAL). The program aims to help international students study in US schools, learn American culture, and explore opportunities to advance their education in the US. It offers planned activities and organized support to maximize students' success studying and living in America.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The High School Placement Program provides international students one-semester or one-year placement in SPIRAL-affiliated schools throughout Vermont and New York. Current SPIRAL-affiliated schools are: Rice Memorial High School (Burlington, VT), Rock Point School (Burlington, VT), and Seton Catholic High School (Plattsburgh, NY).

During the year, international students study with American students in classrooms and receive academic credits upon successful completion of courses taken. Students stay with assigned host families and learn American culture through participating in family life.

SPIRAL BASIC SERVICES

Application and Placement:

- Process applications.
- Conduct interviews to determine students' English proficiency.
- Work with SPIRAL partner schools to assist students to receive admission acceptance and I-20 form.
- Identify suitable home stay families for international students.

Supervision and Home Stay Services:

- Assist, when requested, with home stay-related legal and liability issues.
- Offer guidelines and training to home stay families prior to students' arrival.
- Prepare quarterly reports to students' parents in writing or by teleconferencing.
- Act as liaison between students and home stay families on daily issues.
- Provide transportation to and from the airport at the beginning and end of the academic year.

SPIRAL OPTIONAL SERVICES

American Higher Education Introduction and College Tours:

- Provide basic information about American higher education.
- Provide workshops and assistance with college applications.
- Tour well-known American universities and colleges on the east coast.

PROGRAM COSTS

The fees of the SPIRAL High School Placement Program are comprised of school tuition and SPIRAL fees for home stay placement and supervision. School tuition varies from school to school. SPIRAL fees for placement and supervision also vary from year to year. For detailed information, please contact us.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Written application in English
- Two letters of recommendation: one from the principal and the other from an academic advisor
- Interview (in-person or telephone)
- Transcript
- Physical exam/health records