

**PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS STUDYING  
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

(Policy 6115.00)

1. Students who are considering studying in foreign countries and who are seeking academic credit upon returning to Moscow High School should see a counselor as soon as possible. The student should familiarize himself/herself with the courses listed in the Secondary School Courses of Study for the State of Idaho so the student can return with necessary documentation to pursue receiving credit in specific courses from Moscow High School. A copy of the Secondary School Courses of Study in the State of Idaho can be reviewed in the library.
2. Upon the student's return to Moscow High School, the following required credentials are to be provided to the counselors/principal: official transcripts or certified copies of certificate(s), diploma(s), or government examination report(s); an explanation of the grading system used; and detailed course descriptions describing the individual course contents from all institutions attended. These documents are to be in **English**.
3. Academic credit will be granted for courses determined to be comparable in nature to those offered within the Moscow School District. When required materials are provided in advance of the completion of the educational exchange, transfer credit decisions will be made conditional upon final, official proof of satisfactory completion of the educational experience. Considerations for granting specific credit include length of study, methods of assessment, course duration, course content (syllabi), laboratory work, language of instruction, course prerequisites, and whether the course was a participation course.

Limitations: A student will not be awarded more credits than he/she would have earned during the same period of study in a U.S. institution except for two (2) credits of social studies awarded for two (2) semesters of foreign country experience.

Grades: Courses will be approved on a "Pass" basis only to avoid the unsolvable problems associated with interpreting and equating country-specific grades to the district grading scale. No grade points for this work will be included in the computation of the student's grade point average at Moscow High School. An exception will be any course required for the "C" average rule.

4. Transfer credit will be recorded on the student's official transcript after the student has returned and is officially registered at Moscow High School. Whatever portion of the foreign study determined no to be comparable to Moscow High School's course of study will be posted on the student's transcript as **foreign credit** but will not be counted as fulfilling a graduation requirement(s). The principal or principal's designee will evaluate the credentials for the credit to be awarded.

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