

Hosts Families Wanted.....

Have you always been interested in International Travel, Culture, or People? Here's your chance to be a Host Family for a student from Okinawa, Japan.

Japan allows their students to study in United States schools for 1 year. These students range in age from 14-16 years old. They go through a selection process in Japan and can only come if they are a Freshman, Sophomore or Junior in high school.

We had 7 students attend Notre Dame High School in Burlington, Iowa in the 2005-2006 school year. We are expecting another 5-7 students for the 2006-2007 school year. Ft. Madison will be hosting 3-4 students from Japan also. Our International Advisor from Japan is looking to place more students in our other Catholic High Schools as well as St. Ambrose University.

Area families with an interest in hosting an exchange student, we need you. Families would be asked to take one Japanese student into their home for the 9 months that school is in session. These students will live with you, learn our culture, share with you their culture and experiences, and attend this high school.

Added bonus for host families.....

A new program "REP" (Reciprocal Exchange Program) has just been extended to our school host families of these Japanese students. The International Student Advisor is offering a program that allows your child to travel to Japan, June 1 – July 1 and live with a host family in Japan. This will give your child a chance to experience Japan on a personal level. Students wanting to participate in this two-way exchange offer must be 14 years old or older. Families that choose the Okinawa trip will provide their child with a month-long experience, all expenses paid, that will include a stay with a host family, education in the Japanese language and exposure to Japanese cultural activities – such as flower arranging, tea ceremonies and martial arts. Social activities and a three-day visit to the mainland cities of Osaka and Kyoto also are included.

Similar experiences will be available to teens from non-host families at their own expense.



If you are interested in being a host family, please contact the principal for more information.

If you want more information, please visit their website to look at their facilities.

http://www2.okisho.ed.jp/en_files/indexfiles/facility.HTM