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Poland Host School FAQ

When does the school year begin and end?

The school year runs in two semesters from September until June with a two week holiday over Christmas.

What is a typical school day? How many classes per day?

School is in session Monday to Friday, generally from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Some schools may split the school into two groups with some students taking morning classes and some students taking afternoon classes. Most students take 5-8 classes a day and classes last about 45 minutes.

In what type of school will I be enrolled?

AFS Students are placed in General Upper Secondary School or Specialized Upper Secondary School (16-19 years old). Depending on age, AFS students can also be placed in the Lower Secondary Education (13-16 years old).

What classes are available?

Available classes and subjects vary by school but generally the subjects are: Polish language, 2 foreign languages, History, Civic Education, Culture Studies, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Information Technology, Physical Education, or Defense Training.

In what language will classes be taught?

All classes, with the exception of foreign languages, will be taught in Polish.

Will I need to buy a uniform, books, or other school supplies?

Most schools in Poland do not have a uniform.

Are extra-curricular activities available?

Extra-curricular activities are available and can such as sports, clubs, and musical groups.

Can I get an official transcript or a certificate of attendance?

Students can receive a Certificate of Attendance and an informal evaluation that must be obtained by the student from the host school before departing Poland.



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Can I get academic credit for my study abroad?

The amount and type of credit you receive is determined by your high school in the U.S. so it's important that you talk with your teachers and guidance counselor before you depart. Be sure to keep a copy of any formal grades or transcripts you receive from your host school. It is your responsibility to obtain any written information about your attendance and grades in your host school before you return home. AFS does not have any influence over obtaining academic credit for your studies abroad and cannot assist you with course or grade information for your time on program.