

Denmark Educational Exchange 2024 Board Meeting Approval Presentation

For the past 11 years Brevard High School has participated in an international exchange with the Mariagerfjord Gymnasium high school in Hobro, Denmark. In 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 the students from Hobro came to visit BHS. They stayed with host families, attended school, and explored western North Carolina. In 2014, 2016, and 2018 teachers and BHS students traveled to Denmark to stay with host families, attend school, explore local areas and historical sites. In 2020 the teachers and students were prepared to return to Denmark, but the global closures due to Covid necessitated the cancellation of the trip at the last minute.

It has all been a tremendous success, both academically and culturally. We look forward to the opportunity to continue this exchange by traveling to Denmark again in Spring 2024. We have created a club to have during our I&E time so that the students that are interested in going can meet to plan fundraising opportunities, learn about Danish culture and language, and be a part of planning the trip. Gaining approval at this time will allow us to organize fundraising opportunities that will help offset the total cost for all students.

We tentatively plan to leave during Spring Break on Wednesday, March 27, flying from Asheville to Copenhagen. We will spend 4 nights in Copenhagen, then take a train to Hobro to stay with host families. We plan to leave Hobro and fly out of Copenhagen early morning on Saturday, April 6th. Students and teachers will return to school on Tuesday April 9th, after missing a total of 4 school days (Tuesday, April 2 - Friday, April 5).

The total cost is estimated to be around **\$3,000** per student, as it has been each year we have traveled. This cost covers airfare, travel insurance, hotels in Copenhagen, travel cards while in Copenhagen, train ride to Hobro and back to Copenhagen, group activities in Copenhagen and teacher chaperon flight/hotel expenses. Any money that is leftover (which has been the case in previous years) is placed on a VISA debit card to be used as spending money for students. Students keep any money left over. I would ask the Board to allow the committee some flexibility with the itinerary so that we may pursue the best value and logistical options leading up to the purchase of airfare and lodging.

At this time, we have potential interest from over 20 students to go on the trip. We are working on parental permission and teacher recommendations from each student. We had a parent meeting on September 12th and will have an additional parent meeting scheduled for October 11th. We will require an initial deposit of \$500 due on October 31 so that we may lock in numbers and begin formally making reservations

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Denmark Schedule / Tentative Itinerary

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<u>March 27</u> Asheville to Copenhagen (Spring Break)	<u>March 28</u> Copenhagen (spring Break)	<u>March 29</u> Copenhagen (Spring Break)	<u>March 30</u> Copenhagen (Spring Break)
<u>March 31</u> Copenhagen (Spring Break)	<u>April 1</u> Train: Copenhagen to Hobro (Spring Break) Students with Host Families	<u>April 2</u> Hobro Students in class Students with Host Families	<u>April 3</u> Hobro Students in class Students with Host Families	<u>April 4</u> Hobro Students in class Students with Host Families	<u>April 5</u> Hobro Students in class Students with Host Families	<u>April 6</u> Train: Hobro to Copenhagen Copenhagen to Asheville
<u>April 7</u> Potential arrival in Asheville	<u>April 8</u> Students back to class at BHS					

Possible Field Trip Activities:

Copenhagen

Bakken - World's oldest amusement park. Opened in 1583!!

Rosenburg Castle - Home of Danish Crown Jewels

The Little Mermaid Statue - In honor of the story written by Danish author, Hans Christian Andersen

The Round Tower - Observatory with spiral staircase. Climb to top to see view of Copenhagen

Nyhavn - A historical district along the canal. One of the oldest and most photographed areas in Copenhagen

Stroget - business district, shopping

The National Museum

Tivoli Gardens - Opened in 1843, gardens and rides

Canal Tour of Downtown Copenhagen

Christiansborg Palace - changing of the guard

Kronborg Castle - Setting of Hamlet, built in 1574

Helsingborg, Sweden - 20 min. ferry, Karnan Tower (built 1310's), Kullagatan pedestrian street

Hobro Area

Fyrkat Viking Fort

Aarhus - 2nd largest city in Denmark, Aros Art Museum

Oldtown - Historic Snapshot of Denmark

Skagen - A fishing village in the most northern tip of Denmark, where the North Sea and Baltic Sea come together