

A year in the USA



Here it comes an instance of someone from our school who spent a whole year in the USA as a student. Read about her experience!

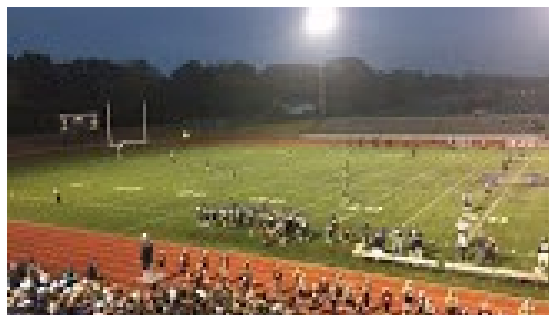
An exchange isn't a year in your life, it's a life in one year. I went to a foreign country, going to school and learning English everyday. It was definitely one of the best decisions I've ever made. I have made a big life change and I'm proud of it because it was in a good way.



I stayed in Michigan and I felt home since day one. My host parents and my two host siblings welcomed me as part of their family, and gave me love and care as they would for their own child. I played in the high school basketball and run and track team, that was an amazing experience where I made a tone of friends that I will never forget. My HS (Otsego) was really big, I got lost a lot of times, and you can imagine because it's just like in the movies.



But I am not saying that being an exchange student is really easy, I had to put a lot of work into school and everyday is a real challenge, because being alone in a foreign country, being confused most of the time, being in a new home with a family that you barely know, and going to a new school, missing someone desperately and then reminding yourself of the big picture and that it's worth it, finding new friends and when you find them the bare thought that you have to leave them soon just hurts you, is really hard, but it's part of the experience. Means getting to your edges and push them, being excited to go to the next town, or even a supermarket, just because it's a place you've never been before, constant mood swings, learning to make every minute count and keep learning all the time. I learnt a lot about myself.



Now, I came here, I left my second home and I already know that I am never gonna be at home again just in one place.

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