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**Partner**  
**with us in**  
**2016-2017!**

- *Mission Statement: Promoting global diversity through academic and cultural exchange*
- ECEP opened in 2013.
- Administrative staff, in the Rockford, Michigan office, have a combined 30+years in the industry.
- Our students come from many different countries including Japan, Korea, Brazil, Spain, Norway, Italy, and China.
- ECEP students are in the U.S. on high school sponsored F-1 visas.
- Unlike other F-1 programs, ECEP students are here to experience both the academic and cultural sides of the U.S.
- ECEP students can come for one semester, an academic year, or a calendar year. Our most popular program is the academic year.
- ECEP host families volunteer to host and are not paid.
- Host schools are supported with \$2500 per semester.
- The local coordinator (often selected from school personnel) and area manager will be working with the school, the host family, and the student throughout the year to assure a successful experience



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**For more information, call Dr. Julie Anderson-Manrique 616-550-3154**



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### Eligibility

- Age 14-18 on arrival
- GPA 2.0 minimum (C average) with no failing grades
- ELTis 215+, IELTS 5.0+, TOEFL IBT 64+, SLEP 48+
- Intermediate English ability
- Current student in US grade 8-11

Benefits of having ECEP students at your school:

- Teaches students about global diversity, which will give them a leg up in their future.
- Brings extra income to the school. F1 students pay tuition to the school that issues their visa.

ECEP welcomes students from a variety of countries around the world, including:

Brazil, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Norway, Philippines, Spain, Thailand, Venezuela, and many more.

ECEP is a unique program that combines the academic rigors of an American high school with the cultural experience of living with an American family. ECEP's host families volunteer for this amazing opportunity to help create a sense of family, rather than a landlord/tenant relationship. Feeling like part of the family helps students bond with the family, school, and community. Cultural exchange is beneficial for international students and a great opportunity for American students to learn about their global community.

At ECEP, we pride ourselves on the support given to our students and schools.

- We have a team of Local Coordinators to work with schools and students to resolve any issues that may occur.
- Our Student Services department is ready to assist when needed.
- ECEP has a 24-hour emergency hotline to assist schools, students, host families, and the ECEP field.



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