

## STUDY ABROAD

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School recognizes that students are on occasion offered prestigious scholarships or other opportunities to study abroad for one academic year. As a school for government and international studies, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School respects and understands the importance of international experiences in developing global citizens. Study abroad will be limited to one year, and must take place during the student's junior year.

### *Pre-program*

1. MLWGS must receive approval in writing from the participating student's home district Superintendent that indicates support for the student's plan to participate in an international educational experience and re-entry to Maggie L. Walker Governor's School by February 15 of the student's sophomore year. If approval is granted, it is the responsibility of the home district to determine the status of the student's slot in terms of whether it will remain vacant or rolled to the incoming freshmen class. The home district must pay for the slot regardless of how they choose to manage it.
2. Prior to the departure of the student, but no later than 10 working days before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, all arrangements regarding what credits may be earned and counted for graduation while the student is participating in the travel abroad experience must be resolved to the satisfaction of the MLWGS administration and home district Gifted Coordinator. A pathway for an on-time graduation must be established.

### *Post-program*

1. The student must provide documentation that he or she has been enrolled in a full-time course of study for the entire school year during his or her stay by July 1 the summer after studying abroad.
2. The student must provide documentation in the form of official transcripts from the receiving school by July 1 the summer after studying abroad.
3. The student must be in "good standing" at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.
4. The student must be able to complete the requirements for the MLWGS diploma by the end of the senior year.
5. The student must have had verified, documented, and submitted 105 eligible hours of community service by August 1 the summer after studying abroad.

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