**Sibylla-Merian-Gymnasium in Meinersen, Germany**

Why Germany? German is one of the world's major languages and is the most widely-spoken first language in the European Union.

Lake Shore hosted 20 German students in the Fall of 2017. This two-week exchange is a cultural exchange between Lake Shore and our sister school in Germany.

**Our German Sister School**

The school system in Germany is a little different than here in Michigan. All children enter in the same program, but at the age of 10, they go to one of four types of schools. The track that they enter determines which type of school they can next enter, and finally, if they will go to a university or enter a technical field or trade.

Our sister school is a gymnasium, an academically-oriented high school, offering a curriculum of general education which is not career-specific. Students graduate with the certificate of *Allgemeine* *Hochschulreife* or *Abitur*, a prerequisite for admission to a German university where students have an unrestricted choice of majors. University is also free to students.

Sibylla-Merian-Gymnasium is located just outside of Wolfsburg, the home of Volkswagen.

Address:

Sibylla-Merian-Gymansium

Am Gajenberg 5

38536 Meinersen

Germany

Time Difference: 6 hours

For example 11:15 am is 5:15 pm in Meinersen