

留学報告書 II (2022 年度留学生)

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留学先校名	Fay School
留学期間	2022 年 9 月から 2023 年 6 月まで

留学を振り返って

クラブ活動や課外活動など、学業以外の活動について教えてください。

《Sports》

At the end of the 8th period, there is a sports time in which all students, regardless of whether they are boarding students or day students, participate. Students choose different sports for the fall term, winter term, and spring term. I chose golf in the fall, skiing in the winter, and dance in the spring. The sports allow students to interact with students from other grades with whom they do not normally have much contact. For golf, there is a golf course just a 5-minute drive from Fay, and I was able to play golf every day surrounded by nature. Skiing was only 3 times a week as the ski resort was a 45-minute drive from Fay. The other two days were free time to do homework in the lounge. Dance was held every day in the theater, starting with a 45-minute warm-up. At the end of the semester, we had a dance performance, which was a great memory for me.

《Clubs》

There is a 50-minute club time every Thursday after the 8th period. Students choose different clubs for fall, winter, and spring. In the clubs, students can mainly choose their hobbies or new things they want to try. I chose World Language in the fall and Coloring in the spring. In the winter, I had to leave school early because of skiing, so I could not participate in the clubs. Clubs, like sports, are a great opportunity to get to know people we might not normally interact with. The World Language club allows students to teach their own native language to other students and learn about the other languages spoken by their teachers. Coloring allows us to focus on one thing at a time in a quiet environment. In the spring term, there is a lot to do because it is the end of the school year, and many students are busy with school life, but I have always been able to calm down during this time of coloring.

《Weekend Activity》

Every weekend, boarders can participate in activities suggested by the school. This is a great opportunity for boarders to get out of school because we spend most of our weekdays on Fay's campus. There were trips to Starbucks, Target, even roller skating, and trips to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Not only off campus, but there were also many activities that could be done inside the school, such as art room and international cooking. I really enjoyed the weekends when I could take a break from school and hang out with my friends.

《8th grade service learning》

Fay School has five school goals, one of which is Dedicated Service. In the winter term, the 8th graders assisted with the Special Olympics, a sports tournament for people with disabilities. Special Olympics basketball tournaments are held every February and April in the Fay's gym. All 8th graders participated in the Special Olympics by helping with the scoreboard, concessions, and cleaning the gym. Through this project, students learn the importance of creating a society that is accessible to people with disabilities.

学業について

各授業について授業の内容・進め方・課題・試験・日本との比較などについて触れながら記入してください。

《English 8》

Non-ELP students take only one type of English class. The main content of the class is reading and writing. In this class we read four books throughout the year. After reading these books, students write an essay based on each topic. In addition to this, we also have a speech contest and a scull essay in English class. writing skills are very important in English class, because even if we read a poem, we always have to write an essay afterwards. My English skills have improved dramatically after a year of taking this class. Both my reading and writing skills were well developed.

《Algebra 1 Advance》

In this class, we learned algebra. I think this math class has the most homework out of all the classes at Fay. In this class, we have a homework assignment called Problem Set every day. The students solve the problems in their own notebooks and present them to their classmates in the next class. Math tends to be a very bland class where students just solve problems, but by presenting to classmates in this way, a discussion was incorporated here as well. Math discussions are different from other classes, and even if you understand how to solve a problem, you cannot communicate with others unless you understand mathematical terms in English, which was very difficult for me at first. I recommend that you study hard because there are many math terms in the class that you may not have heard of before. I also recommend that you study hard because you will be given not only homework but also a lot of projects to do. I recommend that you get used to using a computer because all the projects were done on a computer. I had to write two essays for the projects, even though it was a math class.

《Physical Science》

In this science class, we studied chemistry, physics, and programming. In the fall term, we learned physics, starting with unit calculations. America is one of the few countries in the world that uses inches, feet, and miles. I was used to cm, m, km, etc., so I had a hard time at first. In the end, we learned about the acceleration of objects and conducted experiments. However, there is always an essay after the experiments. In the winter semester, we learned chemistry, starting with the first 20 items on the periodic table, then we learned about bonding and noble gases. We did a project where we had to choose an element of our choice, research it, and make a poster or explanatory video about it. This project was one of the hardest things I had to do. In the spring semester, we learned programming. I had never tried programming before, so there was a lot I didn't understand at first, but once I started learning it, I found it very interesting and got hooked. In programming, we made our own traffic lights, clocks, and games.

《MWC》 (Modern World Culture)

This is a social studies class for non-ELP students. In this class, we learned about Ireland, Korea, the Balkans, South Africa, and Israel/Palestine throughout the year. During the Korea unit, we learned about the relationship with Japan, and before the class began, the teacher said, "You are Japanese, so you may feel a little uncomfortable with some of the content. If that happens, please don't hesitate to tell me." I received a follow-up from the teacher. In this class, we not only learned history from the teacher but also read many books related to the history of the country. And after reading the books, we had the obligatory essay or poster. I feel that this class was one of the most unique experiences I had in Fay. By learning about racism and conflict, students can understand how wrong it is.

《2nd language》 (Mandarin Chinese)

Non-ELP students will take a 2nd language. I took Chinese. The Chinese class I took was a beginner's class, and the teacher taught us in English. There were frequent quizzes, but they were not difficult if I understood the content of the class. It was a very happy moment when I could understand what my Chinese friends were saying sometimes because I had learned Chinese and I could feel my growth.

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《What you should learn》

There is nothing that I wished I had learned when I came to Fay. You may struggle with your English skills at first, but if you study at Fay for a year, they will come naturally. I recommend you to find something that you can be competitive in, such as sports or music, rather than English. Fay is a prestigious school in America, so everyone has great talents. Since the school places as much emphasis on sports as on academics, I think you will enjoy your school life even more if you are good at one sport or another. Having a talent that you can be proud of will give you a chance to make friends and make your school life much more enjoyable. There is no need to go out of your way to try something new now. Try to stick to what you love to do.

《What you should be prepared for》

What I felt the most was the importance of computers. At SFC, computers were only used a few times, but at Fay, computers are required in all classes. It is important to purchase a computer in Japan and familiarize yourself with it. If you do purchase a new computer, I recommend a Mac. Most teachers use Mac computers, so their projects are centered on Mac computers. Also, a graphic calculator is a must at Fay. All students at Fay have this calculator, especially in math class. It is recommended that you purchase one in Japan if possible so that you can understand how to use it.

Fay School is a school with a strong sense of community. We consider the whole school as one family. The teachers and students are very close, and you will feel as if it is your second home. At first, you may feel anxiety because there is no one you know. However, that will disappear in no time. Try talking to them actively yourself. Ten months may seem like a long time, but it really goes by quickly. I remember my first day at Fay like it was yesterday. It's too late to have regrets after it's over. If you feel that you want to try something for a little while, please try it without worrying. No one will blame you if you fail. Make the most of every day at Fay, and I am sure that your time at Fay will be one of the best and most unforgettable years of your life. You can if you will! I hope you will have an amazing life at Fay.



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