

Sister City Organization



The 2025 participants in Japan!

The Horseheads Sister City Association is delighted to announce that the village will be hosting eleven exchange students and three chaperones from Nakagawa Town, Japan, from October 26-October 30, 2026. The Japanese students will be visiting our schools that week too!

We are planning the next exchange trip for several Horseheads Central School District students currently in grades 8-11 for early summer travel to Japan.

It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Japanese culture and make lifelong friendships. The informational meeting will be October 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm, in the Middle School Library.

Interested students will be able to pick up an application from their school's guidance/counseling office. Interested students should pay attention to the daily school announcements to learn when the applications become available. Applications are due November 20, 2026. We are also asking that student ambassador candidates participate in at least one activity with the Japanese students during their visit in October as part of the interview process. In addition to the application, students must be in good academic standing, regularly attend school, and demonstrate the Raider Way inside and outside of school. We are also looking for adult chaperones to travel with our students to Japan.

If interested in having an unforgettable, culturally immersive experience, please contact Tiffany Bratz at tbratz@horseheadsdistrict.com by November 20, 2026.

Our HSCA committee welcomes any eligible student and adult volunteers willing to help organize/assist with exchange events during the fall visit. If you are interested in participating in the exchange, this would be an excellent way to learn about the special relationship Horseheads shares with Nakagawa Town. Please contact Tiffany Bratz at tbratz@horseheadsdistrict.com.