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Center Grove High School Hosts Students from China

GREENWOOD, IN (August 27, 2014)—Center Grove High School (CGHS) hosted twelve students from Hangzhou, Zhejiang (HONG-jo, ja-JANG) Province in China on Friday. The Chinese students are in the United States to visit Richmond High School, which has a partnership with their high school. Hangzhou is a city of 7 million people, located about two hours south of Shanghai, China.

Students from Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province in China pose with their student hosts from Center Grove High School.
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The students toured the high school in groups led by CGHS students. The students also ate lunch together. Some of the Hangzhou students said they were impressed by the computers and other technology they saw on the tour. Most of the schools in China are not as well-equipped, nor do they have a 1:1 technology program.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to engage with another culture on a more global level," said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. "Our students benefited as much as their students, if not more, from the opportunity to see their school through the eyes of their guests."

"At the end of the day, the goodbyes lasted a little longer than we had planned," said Sandy Hillman, assistant principal. "Our students had a great time hosting and didn't seem to want the day to end."

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