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Japanese students experience what it's like to be a Haller Middle School student

ARLINGTON- Twenty-two Japanese teenagers spent March 28-29 experiencing what it's like to be a Haller Middle School student. The Japanese students shadowed Haller Leadership students as they ate lunch, attended class, and engaged in school activities. One of those activities included dry ice science experiments in the Haller courtyard.

"We're showing the Japanese students what it's like to be a student at Haller Middle School," said Haller Leadership student, Ty Rusko. "They're having fun."

The students stay with host families while they're in Arlington. The Japanese students said the best part of the visit is spending time with the Haller students and their host families.

"The Japanese students are surprised to see so many stars in the sky in Arlington since they can't see them very well where they live in Japan," said Karen Edwards with Cultural Homestay International, the group that organized the visit. "They also like seeing all the grass. They live in flats, or apartments, in Japan and don't have much grass where they live. It's truly a unique experience for them."

Another group of Japanese students will be visiting the area this summer.

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Two Japanese students observe Haller Science Teachers Roel Ubungen and Scott Rice conduct a dry ice experiment on March 28. Twenty-two Japanese students visited Arlington March 28-29 to experience how students learn in America.