

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

I. Pre-requisites

- A. State department guidelines stipulate that a group-sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving their home country.
- B. Foreign students attending district schools through group-sponsored exchange programs must obtain a "J" Visa from the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service which they must show upon registration. Approved group-sponsored exchange programs are those designated by the United States Information Agency and officially recognized by the Board. Foreign students on a J-1 Visa are not required to pay tuition.
- C. Foreign students attending district schools through private sponsorship must obtain an "F-1" visa and prior approval required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Pursuant to federal law, foreign students on an "F-1" Visa may only attend secondary schools within the district and are required by law to pay the district's established tuition rate for the period of attendance. The period of attendance may not exceed 12 months.
- D. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.

II. Program Guidelines:

Candidates will be selected from foreign exchange programs at the discretion of the building administrator.

In addition, students may be accepted at any time from short-term programs at the discretion of the building administrator.

The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.

Exchange students are encouraged to assist in some manner the curriculum of the school they are attending, i.e., assist with language classes, history classes, etc.

A foreign student may receive honorary recognition, unless their prescribed course of study includes completion of requirements for a standard diploma. Counselors will review an appropriate course of study and will give a written recommendation to the student. The recommendation will specify a course of study aligned with an honorary class status. All full-year students may participate in ceremonies and events regardless of graduation status.

The superintendent reserves the right to limit the number of exchange students in a given year.