

StudentsForeign Exchange StudentsParticipation in Foreign Exchange Opportunities

1. The Board recognizes the benefits of participating in foreign exchange programs. Such programs increase mutual understanding between the students, staff, and citizens of the District, and the people of other countries.
2. The District will admit students from foreign nations through foreign exchange programs that are approved by the Board of Education. A foreign exchange program may not be approved unless it is on the current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs that is maintained by The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
3. The District will not admit students on an F-1 visa.
4. The designated school officials for purposes of the foreign exchange program are the Superintendent and the high school principal.

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

1. The foreign exchange program shall file application forms and related documents with the District by July 1 prior to the beginning of the school year. In order for a foreign exchange student to be admitted to school, the District's acceptance of the application must occur prior to the commencement of the school year. The District retains the right to reject any application.
2. The foreign exchange program shall be responsible for providing the District with all documents and records required by federal and state law and such other documents and records that the District may request. The documentation is to include information to establish that the foreign exchange student has adequate financial support, that the student is covered by health insurance, a complete transcript and a brief explanation of the transcript, and such other documentation that the Superintendent or high school principal determines appropriate. Foreign exchange students will not be admitted until all such documents and records are received.
3. A maximum of four foreign exchange students will be accepted each school year, unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent.
4. Foreign exchange students must be at least 16 years old and not older than 19 years old as of September 1 of the school year in which the student will enroll in the District. Foreign exchange students must not have graduated from high school (or an equivalent educational institution) prior to enrollment in the District.
5. Foreign exchange students must have adequate proficiency in the English language to function in a regular classroom and not require English-as-a-second-language instruction. The foreign exchange program must provide documentation to verify the student's English language proficiency as part of the application process.
6. The host family of the foreign exchange student must be residents of the District, unless an Option Enrollment Form has been approved by the Superintendent.

Requirements During Attendance in the District

1. The host family must be residents of the District and the foreign exchange student must reside in the District during the period of time in which the foreign exchange student is enrolled in the District (unless an Option Enrollment Form has been approved by the Superintendent).
2. The local representative of the foreign exchange program is to arrange and attend a meeting with the foreign exchange student, the host family, and the high school principal or designee prior to the foreign exchange student starting school.
3. The local representative of the foreign exchange program is expected to confer with the high school principal or designee throughout the foreign exchange student's attendance in the District on a schedule to be determined by the appropriate grade level counselor.
4. Foreign exchange students are subject to the same policies, student code of conduct, and attendance requirements that apply to regular students with exceptions appropriate for their status as foreign exchange students including, without limitation, the following:
 - a. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible for student fee waivers;
 - b. Foreign exchange students must be enrolled on a full-time basis; and,
 - c. Foreign exchange students are ineligible to take any driver education classes offered by the District. Eligibility for participation in NSAA-regulated activities will be determined based on the Bylaws of the NSAA.

Academic Matters Involving Foreign Exchange Students

1. Foreign exchange students will be assigned either as a sophomore or senior and a class schedule as determined appropriate by the high school principal or designee. Grade placement will be based upon the District's criteria for students transferring from non-approved schools.
2. Foreign exchange students will be required to enroll in a literature course and a United States history or a United States government course.
3. Foreign exchange students completing the twelfth grade in the District will be recognized with a school certificate for satisfactory attendance and participation.

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