

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

The Board of Education recognizes that foreign exchange students can add to the cultural diversity and enrichment of the School District and, therefore, enhance the school environment and the school community. As a general rule, foreign exchange students shall not be admitted to the District's schools for longer than one (1) school year.

The District shall retain the sole discretion to deny admission to any student who does not meet the requirements set forth in this policy. The District may also terminate any approval of a foreign student program when the Board believes that it would be in the best interest of the District.

The District will not accept more than four (4) foreign exchange students during a school year and no more than two (2) of the same nationality in the same school unless the Superintendent or designee determines it to be in the best interest of the school district to do so.

1. All foreign exchange students seeking admission into the District must participate through a foreign exchange program that is recognized by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET).
2. All foreign exchange students must be formally accepted into the District, in writing, by the Superintendent of Schools or designee. The Superintendent shall consult with the Building Principal prior to acceptance or rejection of an application.
3. Foreign exchange students must:
 - A. be at least 15 years of age.
 - B. have demonstrated sufficient scholastic achievement in his/her home school to indicate the possibility of success in the High School.
 - C. have a basic understanding of the English language.
 - D. ensure that their academic records and credentials are available to school officials by July 1st prior to the school year in which admission is sought.
 - E. be in good health and an immunization record must be provided.
 - F. have health and accident insurance in acceptable form to the District.
 - G. enroll in the District on a full-time basis for one (1) semester or one (1) school year.
 - H. agree to conform to the established acceptable behavior and conform to the rules and regulations of the School District.

The District reserves the right to deny admission to any student who does not meet all of the requirements set forth in the Policy.

A foreign exchange student's enrollment in the School District may be terminated at any time by school officials for failure to abide by the established guidelines, including:

1. Failing grades in two or more courses of study;
2. Failure to conform to established rules and regulations;
3. Failure to conform to the regulations established by the sponsoring organization; and/or
4. Excessive absences.

Foreign exchange students will be treated as nearly as possible like any other student in the school, including grading, and will be encouraged and allowed to participate in all school activities and special events.