

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

Prerequisites

1. State department guidelines stipulate that a group-sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving his/her home country.
2. Foreign students attending district schools through group-sponsored exchange programs must obtain a J-1 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.
3. 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.
4. The sponsoring organization must provide evidence that appropriate screening has taken place and that the student is between the ages of 16-19 with demonstrated maturity and ability to function and benefit from a cultural exchange program. Verification that the student has adequate proficiency in English as well as a complete transcript in English of the student's academic records must be provided at the time of application.
5. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.

Program Guidelines

1. The district may choose to limit the number of full-year students from foreign countries.
2. Candidates will be selected from foreign exchange programs approved by the building administrator or superintendent. The sponsoring organization shall provide a complete description of itself including name, address and phone number of a local contact person. A copy of all orientation materials shall be provided to school officials.
3. In addition, up to two students may be accepted at anyone time from short-term programs at the discretion of the building administrator or superintendent.
4. All potential organizations or individuals should obtain approval for exchange student placement from the high school administrator or superintendent by July 1 for the coming school year.

5. Sponsoring organizations shall coordinate placement of exchange students and be fully responsible for their selection, screening, placement with screened host families, orientation to the United States as well as the community and schools, and for on-going monitoring, supervision and support of all aspects of the international exchange student's experience in our community.
6. The high school administration or superintendent reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.
7. A foreign student will receive an honorary Condon High School diploma, unless their prescribed course of study includes completion of requirements for a standard diploma. The counselor will review an appropriate course of study and will give a written recommendation to the student. The recommendation will specify either an honorary or standard diploma. All full-year students may participate in graduation ceremonies regardless of diploma received.