

**Douglas County
School District 15**

Code: **JECBA**
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Orig. Code(s): JECBA

Admission of Exchange Students

The Board recognizes the cultural benefits of foreign exchange student programs and authorizes the superintendent or designee to accept group-sponsored students on a J-1 Visa into the schools on a tuition-free basis. Privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa may be admitted to district secondary schools only upon payment of tuition as required by law.

Admission of exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. The foreign exchange student will be at least 16 years of age and will possess a reasonable knowledge of the English language;
2. Applications will be screened by the superintendent or designee to determine if there is an appropriate program available for the student;
3. Students will be considered for acceptance and enrolled on a space-available basis;
4. Students will be subject to all policies and regulations governing the conduct and behavior of resident students;
5. Students will maintain passing grades in all subjects as well as satisfactory discipline and attendance records;
6. Resident host families will complete a host family affidavit form accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving as a volunteer host family without personal profit;
7. The number of exchange students will be determined each year by the Board;
8. Students will be encouraged to participate in the full range of school activities/athletics provided they meet local and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) criteria.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367 (2006).