

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. Citizenship and Immigration Services 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 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. 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 student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.

Program Guidelines

1. Candidates will be selected from foreign exchange programs at the discretion of the administrator.
2. In addition, students may be accepted from short-term programs at the discretion of the building administrator.
3. An application affirming that the exchange candidate is 16+ years old and can speak conversational English must be signed by the host family and sponsoring agency representative for consideration.
4. All affected organizations or individuals will obtain approval from the high school administrator by August 15 for the coming school year, after which applications may not be accepted.
5. The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavior standards that apply to that student. Student and host family are required to sign and abide by a written code of conduct.
6. A foreign exchange student will receive an honorary Estacada High School diploma. All foreign exchange students who complete the year may participate in the graduation ceremony.
7. Foreign exchange students will be encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities.
8. The district reserves the right to limit the number of exchange students in a given year.