

Admission of Exchange Students

The Board recognizes the cultural benefits of foreign exchange student programs. The superintendent is authorized to accept foreign exchange students certified from the last exchange programs by the Council on Standards of International Education Travel (CSIET) on a J-1 Visa into 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 foreign exchange student shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. Students will be considered for acceptance and enrolled on a space-available basis;
2. Students must be residing within the district boundary;
3. The foreign exchange student will be at least 15 years of age and possess reasonable knowledge of auditory, spoken and written English comprehension as well as having a SLEP Level 3 performance score of 24 or higher in the listening and reading categories respectively with a combined score of 48 or higher;
4. The foreign exchange student will hold an equivalent status of freshman, sophomore or junior upon entry to the district;
5. Applications will be screened by the principal to determine if there is an appropriate program available for the student;
6. Students are guests of the FRSD and subject to all policies and regulations governing the conduct and behavior of resident students and any violation of the student code of conduct or attendance that does not meet 95 percent or failure to maintain a C average may be subject for revocation of enrollment status;
7. Resident 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;
8. A limit of two students per group-sponsored program may be accepted each year with a total cap of four foreign exchange students being enrolled during a given semester. A limit of two privately sponsored students may be accepted each year; however, the total number of foreign exchange students is not to exceed four unless the superintendent approves additional student(s);

9. Students will be encouraged to participate in the full range of school activities including school activities/athletics provided they meet local and Oregon School Activities Association's (OSAA) criteria;
10. As there are not to be any senior foreign exchange students or foreign exchange students that have graduated from high school, foreign exchange students may not participate in the high school graduation ceremony(ies) or earn an Elmira High School Diploma;
11. Foreign student eligibility will be determined no later than April 15 of the preceding academic year.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

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Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367.