

## **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. District approved foreign exchange group organizations will be assigned priority status through lottery and thus placed on a fixed rotation.
4. 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.
5. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.

### **Program Guidelines**

1. The superintendent will consult with the building principal as necessary before establishing the maximum number of foreign exchange students the high school may accept.
2. Candidates will be selected from foreign exchange programs at the discretion of the building administrator.
3. In addition, up to two students may be accepted at any one time from short-term programs at the discretion of the building administrator.
4. All pre-approved foreign exchange organizations or individuals will obtain approval from the high school administrator by July 1 for the coming school year. Applications may not be accepted after June 15.
5. The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.