

Grants Pass School District 7

Code: **JECBA-AR**

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Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

The district shall accept foreign exchange students at Grants Pass High School who are participating in programs officially recognized by the Board and meet the following requirements/limitations:

1. Accepts and abides by the program standards of the Council on Standards for the International Education Travel;
2. A program representative must live within the Rogue Valley. At least one of the host families must live in the district;
3. Students must provide evidence of a reasonable degree of English proficiency (i.e., successful completion of two years of high school English or score 50 percent or better on the Michigan Test of English Skills or an equivalent exam);
4. The program must obtain permission from the vice principal of student services prior to August 1 for placement. Only after permission is granted can the student be enrolled;
5. The district reserves the right to refuse admission to any foreign exchange student if it determines that placement will adversely affect the overall education program. Exchange programs that do not maintain standards supportive of district policy and guidelines may not be approved;
6. The program must accept full responsibility of the student, including the meeting of all immigration (visa) requirements. The district is not responsible for issuing I-20 forms.
 - a. State department guidelines stipulate that a group-sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving his/her home country.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.
7. Immunization records must be provided for each student. If the records do not meet the Oregon Health Services requirements, the student will not be admitted until the required shots are received;

8. The number of foreign exchange students admitted will be at the discretion of the building principal, taking into consideration class sizes and space available. Acceptance is on a first come, first served basis;
9. Foreign exchange students shall conform to all student discipline and behavioral rules;
10. All foreign exchange students will be required to enroll in a full seven-period schedule which shall include an English and social science course;
11. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible to earn a regular diploma. Those who attend for a full year will receive an honorary diploma;
12. A transcript record will be provided, if requested, two weeks after school ends. If notarized copies are required, the program must make arrangements with a notary public and pay any cost involved;
13. The district reserves the right to exclude any student, organization or program representative;
14. Priority will be given to true exchange students.