

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

The Board recognizes the cultural benefits of foreign exchange student programs. The superintendent is authorized to accept group-sponsored exchange students on a J-1 Visa into the school on a tuition-free basis. Privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa may be enrolled if an adult resident of the district has been given temporary guardianship and the student lives in the home of the guardian. F-1 student admission is limited to secondary schools and attendance may not exceed 12 months.

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

1. The foreign exchange student will be at least 16 years of age but not older than 19 years of age at the time of admission and will possess a reasonable knowledge of the English Language;
2. Applications will be screened and approved by the school principal;
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 they are serving as a volunteer host family without personal profit.
7. A limit of two students per group-sponsored program may be accepted each year with a maximum total limit of six at one time. Of those six, a limit of two privately sponsored students may be accepted each year;
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;
9. Every effort should be made to ensure that all foreign exchange students are from different countries;
10. Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law;
11. A high school certificate of attendance may be awarded at regular commencement exercises to all foreign exchange students who successfully meet the necessary academic/attendance requirements during the year in which they attend;

12. All potential organizations or individuals will obtain approval from the high school principal by July 1 for the coming school year. Applications may not be accepted after July 1.

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. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367 (2006).