

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 their 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 State 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 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.
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, up to two students may be accepted at any one time from short-term programs at the discretion of the administrator.
3. All potential organizations or individuals will obtain approval from the district curriculum director by August 15 for the coming year.
4. The high school administrator reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.
5. A foreign exchange student will receive an honorary High School diploma. All full-year students may participate in graduation ceremonies.