

## Admission of Exchange Students

In the interest of furthering better understanding and improving human relations among district students and youth from all parts of the world, the Board encourages the high school to participate in student foreign exchange programs which adheres to federal regulations (USIA), CSIET standards and district policies.

It is the policy of the district to provide tuition free opportunities for foreign students residing in the district who travel to the US through approved exchange programs or official "sister school" arrangements whereby La Grande students can participate in (a reciprocal) similar tuition-free study experience abroad.

Exchange students must meet the regulations and expectations of local students, including the immunizations requirements.

A high school diploma may be awarded at regular commencement exercises to all foreign exchange students who successfully meet the necessary graduation requirements during the year in which they attend. All other foreign exchange students may be awarded an honorary diploma. All foreign exchange students may participate in graduation ceremonies.

Exchange students will be encouraged to participate in all student activities, and will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided academic requirements and Oregon School Activities Association criteria are met.

The district also agrees to allow foreign students who obtain an F-1 Visa an opportunity to attend La Grande schools by individual arrangement.

Privately sponsored foreign students on an F-1 Visa may only attend secondary schools within the district and are required to pay tuition at the established district rate. The period of attendance may not exceed 12 months.

Exchange students attending district schools on a J-1 Visa as part of a group-sponsored program approved by the district are not required to pay tuition.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1224, 1363, 1367 (2006).