

Admission of Exchange Students

It is the policy of the Board to accept group-sponsored exchange students with a J-1 Visa on a tuition-free basis. Privately-sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa may be admitted but only upon payment of tuition as required by law. The district shall retain the right of approval for all exchange students to include the total number and demographic makeup of the exchange student population in Lakeview Senior High School. This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Board.

Exchange students may be admitted subject to the following requirements:

1. **Principal Screening:** Exchange student applications will be screened by the principal to determine that:
 - a. Prior to leaving their home country the student has school approval and has local family placement;
 - b. The student is at least 16 years of age and possesses a reasonable knowledge of the English language;
 - c. That the student's host families have completed a Host Family Affidavit form accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving on a volunteer basis without personal profit; and
 - d. That there is an appropriate program of instruction available for the student.
 - e. All exchange students must be associated with an exchange program that is on the Council on Standards for International Travel (CSIET) approved list.
2. **Diploma Eligibility:** A foreign exchange student will receive an honorary diploma. If he/she has attended Lakeview High School for his/her entire senior year, he/she shall be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony just as regular students are privileged to do. It is understood that a foreign exchange student may lose the privilege of the ceremony for reasons like those placed upon regular students. A standard diploma may be awarded to exchange students at commencement exercises if they successfully meet the Lakeview High School academic requirements for a diploma during the year in which they attend;
3. **Duplication Limitation:** In general, organizations will not be allowed to place more than one student of a particular nationality in Lakeview High School during any given school year without a high school principal request, and Board approval to do so;
4. **Conduct and Behavior:** Exchange students will be subject to all policies and regulations governing the conduct and behavior of resident students in general;

5. **Activities:** Exchange students are to be encouraged to assist in the curriculum (language classes, global studies classes, etc.). Likewise, they are encouraged to participate in a full range of school activities/athletics provided they meet local and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) criteria;
6. **Academic and Behavioral Standing:** All exchange students are expected to maintain passing grades in all subjects as well as satisfactory discipline and attendance records. Failure to do so may be grounds for the removal from tuition-free status and/or termination of admission.

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, 1224, 1363, 1367 (2006).