

Admission of Exchange Students

The district is interested in furthering international understanding through international education and student exchange programs. The district will consider students brought forth by international exchange organizations endorsed by the Council on Standards for International Education travel and approved by the superintendent.

1. General Requirements

- a. Due to age and maturity considerations, full school year placements shall be at the high school level.
- b. The duration of high school level placements will be for either the first semester of the school year or for a full school year. The duration of the placement will be predetermined in advance of the student's arrival.
- c. Preferential consideration will be given to international exchange organizations which provide opportunities for district students to participate on a reciprocal basis in full-time study experiences abroad.
- d. The number of foreign exchange students accepted each year will be designated by the superintendent. Students are to apply for admission by July 1.
- e. An effort will be made to achieve a balanced representation of international cultures in approving placements.
- f. Exchange organizations shall maintain an easily accessible representative, preferably in the greater metropolitan area. Exchange organization representatives shall be available and able to counsel with and support the student and the host family, and transfer or return the student to the home country in case of an emergency or for any other reason.
- g. Exchange organizations shall be able to show evidence of bonding and sufficient insurance to pay claims attendant to illness, accident or death of an exchange student, and possible liability of the host family.
- h. District personnel are not authorized to sign 1-20 forms due to liability considerations.

2. Student Qualifications

- a. Students shall have sufficient English language competence and academic ability to effectively participate in the regular program of the high school in which enrolled.
- b. Foreign exchange students shall not be over 18 years of age on the first day of attendance, nor have graduated from any secondary school program or equivalent.
- c. Students enrolled in the district shall reside with a host or sponsor family within district boundaries. It is preferred that the host family have a student of high school age.
- d. Foreign exchange students shall be held to the same code of conduct and discipline as all other district students.
- e. Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law.

- f. The purpose of the foreign exchange program is to provide the student with a cultural learning experience rather than the obtainment of a regular district diploma. Students will be provided a transcript of credits earned during their stay. A regular district diploma may be awarded if the student and the exchange organization have obtained prior approval to pursue a regular district diploma during the initial application process and the student subsequently meets the district graduation requirements. The exchange organization and student are responsible for costs incurred pursuant to translating the student's existing transcript. Students not earning a diploma may participate in commencement activities if they qualify as senior students.

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).