

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

Pre-requisites

1. State department guidelines stipulate that a group-sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving their home country.
2. To be an approved program, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Be an outbound as well as inbound program;
 - b. Have a coordinator who lives within the local area (within 15 miles from the high school);
 - c. Be a nonprofit organization approved by the NASSP.
3. 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 States Information Agency and officially recognized by the Board. Foreign students on a J-1 Visa are not required to pay tuition.
4. Foreign students attending district schools through a private sponsorship must obtain a F-1 Visa and prior approval required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Pursuant to federal law, foreign students on a 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.
5. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees unless the district elects to pay.
6. The following are programs which have been approved:
 - a. Rotary Exchange;
 - b. World Experience;
 - c. International Education Forum;
 - d. Educational Foundation for Foreign Study;
 - e. Youth for Understanding;
 - f. Academic Year in the U.S.A. International;
 - g. AFS Intercultural Programs;
 - h. American Intercultural Student Exchange;
 - I. American Scandinavian Student Exchange;
 - j. Cultural Homestay International;
 - k. STS Foundation;
 - l. Education Travel and Culture;

- m. Quest International;
- n. Pacific Intercultural Exchange;
- o. Forte International Exchange Association;
- p. ASA International;
- q. International Student Exchange.

Program Guidelines

1. Molalla High School may accept full-year students from foreign countries. Applicants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
2. Students may be accepted at any one time from short-term programs at the discretion of the principal.
3. Any additional organization wishing to be added to the list must obtain approval from the superintendent by June 1 for the coming school year.
4. All requests will be sent to the principal and kept on file with the registrar.
5. The principal reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.
6. A foreign student will receive an honorary diploma, unless their prescribed course of study includes completion of requirements for a standard diploma. Counselors will review an appropriate course of study and will give a written recommendation to the student. The recommendation will specify either an honorary or standard diploma. All full-year students may participate in graduation ceremonies regardless of diploma received.
7. As soon as the student is in the host home, the host family should contact the school, complete and sign the information card and the state-required certificate of immunization form (taking the immunization record from the medical records).
8. All exchange students are required to develop a program to teach the culture from their country to one or more of the following: individual class, school assembly and community organization.