

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

1. The foreign exchange student will be at least 16 years of age, but not older than 19 years of age, and will possess a reasonable knowledge of the English language;
2. Applications will be screened by the school principal to determine if there is an appropriate program available for the student;
3. Admission of foreign exchange students new to the United States will be made only at the beginning of the academic school year. All arrangements for admission must be concluded by June 15, for the following school year. No placements will be made after the fall term begins;
4. Resident host families will complete a host family affidavit form accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving as a volunteer host family without personal profit;
5. Students will be considered for acceptance and enrolled on a space-available basis;
6. No student will be enrolled until all standards for admission have been cleared. Information such as the student's name, nationality, age, sponsor's name and address and immunization information will be required at the time of admission;
7. A limit of two students per foreign exchange sponsored program may be accepted each year. A limit of two privately sponsored students may be accepted each year. The total limit of foreign exchange students at Newberg High School for an academic year will be based on a ration of one foreign exchange student per 250 full-time high school students.

Once enrolled, the following standards apply:

1. Students will be subject to all policies and regulations governing the conduct and behavior of resident students;
2. Students will maintain passing grades in all subjects as well as satisfactory discipline and attendance records;
3. Students will be encouraged to participate in the full range of school activities/athletics provided they meet local and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) criteria;
4. A foreign exchange student with equivalent 12th grade credits will have the opportunity to participate in all commencement events and may receive an honorary diploma.

Prerequisites

1. State department guidelines stipulate that a foreign exchange program sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving his/her home country.
2. Foreign students attending district schools through approved 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 sponsored exchange programs are those designated by the United States Information Agency and officially recognized by the Oregon State Board of Education. Foreign students on a J-1 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's family or sponsoring organization will provide all necessary school fees.
5. The student must complete a district application form and must show English proficiency by providing a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Secondary Language Level English Proficiency (SLEP) score.

Program Guidelines

1. A limit of two students per foreign exchange sponsored program may be accepted each year. A limit of two privately sponsored students may be accepted each year. The total limit for an academic year will be based on a ratio of one foreign exchange student per 250 full-time high school students.
2. Candidates will be selected from foreign exchange programs at the discretion of the building administrator.
3. All potential organizations or individuals will obtain approval from the high school administrator by June 15 for the following school year.
4. The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards.
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