

North Santiam School District

Code: **JECBA**
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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.

Exchange students shall be identified as those students participating in an official foreign exchange program recognized by North Santiam School District and having an official Visa type R, class J-1, as required by United States law.

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

Exchange students shall be enrolled in the equivalent of the grade they would be enrolled in if in their home country when there is written verification of the student's grade status at the time of enrollment. Counselors are to have latitude to decide grade enrollment based on evaluation of factors such as each student's academic preparation, student's stated intent of course of study, and student's age.

A foreign student will receive an honorary Stayton High School Certificate of Attendance unless their prescribed course of study includes completion of requirements for a standard diploma. Counselors will develop an appropriate, prescribed course of study which is to include an English class, a U.S. History class and one more academic course. Students are expected to enroll in a full complement of classes and to pass all of these classes in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Students are to receive a copy of the prescribed course of study, the recommendation for an honorary certificate or a standard diploma, and the requirements for participation in graduation ceremonies. All full-year students, classified as seniors, may participate in graduation ceremonies regardless of the type of certificate or diploma received.

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 Board reserves the right to limit the number of exchange students in a given year.

END OF POLICY

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).