

Visiting Foreign Student Program

The District supports youth exchange programs and a visiting student program. The District will accept approximately six students (F-1 Visas) from Nabari Nisi High School, five students (F-1 Visas) on a foreign Youth Study program, and no more than four additional Exchange Program students (J-1 Visas). The foreign Youth Study program will be limited to high school students who are age appropriate for Junior or Senior status at Phoenix High School.

All students visit and study at the will of the Phoenix-Talent School Board. Tuition is required for all F-1 Visa students for whom the Phoenix-Talent School District issues I-20 student study applications. Tuition is initially set at 1.5 Oregon student reimbursement, plus a small administrative fee for a total of \$8500 for the 2006-07 school year. This amount is comparable to the amount received for other English Language Learners. Tuition will be reviewed and set on a yearly basis as state reimbursement varies from year to year.

Administration:

A Youth Study program is a complex undertaking and thus requires a strong emphasis on planning and teamwork. It is important to establish a schedule, be certain that all involved understand their role in the program, and set forth the policies and guidelines that govern a study visit. Advance preparation and attention to specifics will help this program function as smoothly as possible.

One key to a successful program is everyone's clear understanding of the terms under which the Youth Study program is being operated. The division of responsibilities and financial obligations must be clearly stated and agreed upon before the exchange begins. This is also a requirement of the Study & Exchange Visitor Information System through which this District issues I-20 forms.

Parents/Legal guardians:

1. Agree in writing to all rules of program.
2. Provide transportation to and from host community.
3. Provide appropriate clothing for visiting student.
4. Provide spending money and an emergency fund for use by visiting student.
5. Provide health and accident insurance acceptable to the District.
6. Arrange for all travel documents, such as passport and visas.

Visiting Student:

1. Agrees in writing to abide by all rules of program.
2. Acts as ambassador of his/her native country.
3. Agrees to accept supervision of the District and host family.
4. Returns home at a specified time and by a route agreed upon by the District and parents.
5. Agrees to be involved in school activities and do his/her best to be academically successful.

The District:

1. Agrees to provide the appropriate I-20 form and applicable paper work once tuition payment in full is received.
2. Agrees to provide the visiting student an educational opportunity equal to that of domestic students.
3. Agrees to provide the visiting student with opportunities to be involved in a variety of school activities.
4. Has the right to use F-1 Visa student tuition in any way it deems appropriate.

Insurance and Risk Management:

The importance of sufficient insurance coverage and effective risk management procedures should not be overlooked when sending any student abroad.

Risk is inherent in virtually all aspects of our society, and a Youth Study program may find it difficult, if not impossible, to eliminate all threats of harm to students. This District works tirelessly and vigilantly to provide to students safety and well being.

Insurance Minimums:

The legal guardians of each visiting student shall be responsible for the payment of all medical and accident costs. They shall provide health and accident insurance with respect to each visiting by way of an insurance policy that must be acceptable to the Phoenix-Talent School District.

Such insurance shall provide not less than \$500,000 (U.S. or equivalent total) coverage for medical expenses occasioned by illness or accident, and not less than \$10,000 (U.S. or equivalent) coverage for accidental death.

Irrespective of other benefits that it provides, the insurance shall:

1. Provide coverage from the time of the visiting student's departure from home country until the visiting student's return to home country;

2. Provide not less than \$10,000 (U.S.) for repatriation of the visiting student's remains or cremation expenses in the hosting district in the event of the death of the visiting student;
3. Provide coverage for the cost of reasonable transport and accommodation incurred by any one close relative or friend to travel to, travel with, remain with, or escort the visiting student as a result of serious injury, illness, or death of the visiting student;
4. Guarantee payment directly to the provider of medical services by means of an acceptable international medical assistance organization;
5. Provide coverage not less than \$50,000 (U.S.) for necessary emergency transport or evacuation of the visiting student in the event of severe illness or bodily injury;
6. Provide coverage for ongoing treatment for a specified time for illness or accidental injury sustained during the period of coverage of the insurance policy;
7. Be worldwide and not limited to the hosting country. Coverage in the home country may be excluded.

Early Returns

Approximately three percent of all exchange students are sent home early. Some of these students request to be sent home due to homesickness, illness, or family problems. The remainder are sent home as the result of a violation of Youth Study program rules.

Phoenix High School may request a conference to discuss a visiting student's emotional state or behavior in an attempt to resolve any issues that may require the student's enrollment to be terminated early.

After it has been determined that a student should be sent home early for disregarding the rules the District will follow these guidelines:

1. The student's passport and plane ticket will be kept in the possession of the District while the student is visiting. The student will not obtain a copy of the passport. This will prevent the student from obtaining a new passport by claiming that the original was lost and arranging independent travel plans. Once the final decision is made, the visiting student may not stay in the United States, even if desired, on the F-1 student visa.
2. The Youth Study Program student's host family and parent/guardian with the specific reason(s) the student is being sent home. In the event that a Japanese Exchange student's enrollment is terminated, the officials at Nabari Nishi High School will be contacted. Initial contact may be done by telephone, but a fax or letter will be sent following the conversation.
3. The students travel plans and itinerary will be emailed or faxed to his/her parents/guardians.
4. Tuition will not be refunded for an early return after the first 60 calendar days of the school year. An early return prior to the first 60 days may result in a 50 percent refund, if the District incurs no

additional expenses. If additional expenses are incurred during the first 60 days those expenses will be deduced prior to any refund.

General Rules

1. Phoenix High School shall provide an orientation program for incoming students. Because local laws and customs in one country may differ greatly from those in other parts of the world, orientation should include information on local laws and customs that may apply to young people.
2. The parents or legal guardians of each visiting student shall provide health, accident, and liability insurance with respect to each student in amounts satisfactory to the District, with coverage from the time of the student's departure from home country until the student's return to same. Evidence of coverage of all insurance with a responsible insurance company or companies satisfactory to the District prior to the beginning of the study visit must be submitted. Such insurance should provide not less than \$500,000 (U.S.) or equivalent medical expense coverage, not less than \$10,000 (US) or equivalent accidental death or dismemberment, not less than \$10,000 (U.S.) or equivalent for repatriation of remains, nor less than \$50,000 (U.S.) or equivalent for emergency transport or evacuation.
3. The parents or legal guardians of the visiting student are responsible for providing appropriate clothing and round-trip transportation to and from the District.
4. The visiting student should undertake no travel outside the immediate area of the community without the consent of the student's parents or legal guardians and the District.
5. The visiting student SHALL NOT under any circumstances be permitted to operate or drive a motorized vehicle of ANY kind during the period of the study visit, nor to own a motorized vehicle in the U.S.
6. Proof of proper immunization is required.
7. The host family will provide room and board for the visiting student and exercise appropriate supervisory and parental responsibility to ensure the student's well being. Host families of Japanese students, from Nabari Nishi, will receive a small stipend to assist with room and board.
8. All individuals involved in the Youth Study Program, including students and their parents or legal guardians, host family members, and the District, shall agree in writing to all the requirements of the program as determined by the Phoenix-Talent School Board. All participants should display comportment at all times reflecting credit on self, the home country, and the District and should respect each other and act responsibly, befitting their role in the program. Visiting students should strive to adapt to the way of life of the host country, and host family members should assist students in ways to ease that transition. The visiting students should accept the supervision and authority of the host family and the District during the period of the exchange. Students must return home at a time and by a route agreed upon by their parents or legal guardians and the District.

9. Any participant who does not comply with the requirements of the program will be removed from participation in the program. In the case of visiting students, they will be returned home by the District at the earliest practical time by a route agreed upon with the parents or legal guardians. All parties involved in the program will be fully informed prior to the student being sent home.
10. The visiting students should have a list of individuals to contact in the case of a problem or emergency. The District will support in getting appropriate District emergency numbers. This list should include the name and contact information for the student's Phoenix High School contact, back-up District contact, host family, and etc.
11. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 19 at the beginning of the program. They should be above average in their schoolwork, be of good behavior, and speak English at the Intermediate level. Youth Study Program student's participation will be for one academic year.
12. The District may adopt any other provisions consistent with the foregoing and which are deemed necessary or convenient for the operation of this program.

Program Rules and Conditions of Youth Study Program

As a Youth Exchange student of the Phoenix-Talent School District, you must agree to the following rules and conditions of exchange.

Strict Rules and Conditions of Exchange - Violations will result in student's immediate return home.

1. Obey the Laws of the United States, state and local communities - If found guilty of violation of any law, student can expect no assistance from the Phoenix-Talent School District, or their native country. Student will be returned home as soon as he/she is released by authorities.
2. The student is not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs. Medicine prescribed by a physician is allowed.
3. The student is not authorized to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind that requires a federal or state license or participate in driver education programs.
4. The illegal drinking of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden.
5. Stealing is prohibited. There are no exceptions.
6. The student must be covered by a health and life insurance policy agreeable to the Phoenix-Talent School District.
7. The student must attend school regularly and make an honest attempt to succeed.
8. The student must abide by the rules and conditions of exchange of the Phoenix-Talent School District #4.
9. Use of tobacco is expressly forbidden (at any time).

Common Sense Rules and Conditions of the Program - Violations will result in a district review and restrictions. Severe/Consistent disregard for these rules will result in being returned home.

1. Learn the English language. Teachers and others you meet in the community will appreciate the effort. It will go a long way in your gaining acceptance in the community and those who will become lifelong friends.
2. Get involved in your school and community activities. Plan your recreation and spare time activities around your school and community friends. Do not spend all your time with the other visiting students.
3. Choose friends in the community carefully. Ask for and heed the advice of teachers, counselors and school personnel in choosing friends.
4. Do not borrow money. Pay any bills you incur promptly. Ask permission to use the family telephone, keep track of long distance calls and reimburse your host family each month for the calls you make.
5. If you are offered an opportunity to go on a trip or to an event, make certain you understand any costs you must pay and your responsibilities before you go.
6. You must show proof of proper immunization.
7. Students should have sufficient financial support to assure their well being during the study year.
8. Any costs relative to a student's early return home or any other unusual costs (e.g., language tutoring, tours, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the student's own parents/guardians.
9. Students must return home directly by a route mutually agreeable to the host district and student's parents/guardians.
10. You will be under the District's authority while you are a visiting student. Parents/guardians must avoid authorizing any extra activities directly to their son/daughter. The District Youth Study Officers and/or host family must authorize such activities. If the student has relatives in the host country or region, they will have no authority over the student while the student is in the program.
11. Avoid serious romantic activity. Abstain from sexual activity and promiscuity.

I agree to the above statement and rules and agree to abide by them:

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Student _____

Date _____

Host _____

Date _____

District Representative _____

Date _____