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## **Admission of Foreign Exchange Students**

### **Pre-requisites**

1. State department guidelines stipulate that a foreign exchange group sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving their home country.
2. A group-sponsored student must obtain a J-1 Visa from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services 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.
3. A student coming through a private exchange program must obtain an F-1 Visa and prior approval required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. 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 or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.

### **Program Guidelines**

1. Six foreign exchange students may be accepted at Redmond High School and Ridgeview High School from foreign countries at any one time for which tuition will be waived. Principals may approve admission of additional exchange students.
2. Candidates will be selected from state-approved foreign exchange programs by the Redmond High School or Ridgeview High School administration.
3. In addition, up to two students may be accepted at any one time from short-term programs at the discretion of the building administrator.
4. Prior to June 1, complete applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. After June 1, if all six positions are not filled, second applications from prior approved programs may be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. (A "complete application" is defined as all paperwork and a commitment from a sponsoring family.)
5. The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the Redmond High School or Ridgeview High School academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.

6. A foreign student will receive an honorary Redmond High School or Ridgeview High School 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.