

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

The district is interested in furthering international learning and understanding through international education and exchange programs. Such programs provide unique opportunities for all students to grow in global awareness and cross cultural understanding at a personal level of experience. The district admits foreign students to the high school through recognized and approved exchange programs that operate on a nonprofit basis. Participating organizations shall meet the following criteria:

1. Exchange students are expected to comply with the guidelines, rules and regulations as set forth by the district;
2. Exchange students are expected to pursue a full-time course of study;
3. Exchange students will be entitled to a regular diploma only if they fulfill all district and state requirements. The decision as to whether the student will pursue a regular diploma will be made at the time of enrollment. Those not qualifying for a regular diploma will receive an honorary diploma;
4. No more than one student from any one country will be accepted by the high school during an academic year. As much as possible the district will avoid placing students who speak the same language during the same year;
5. The district will only consider for enrollment students possessing a J-1 Visa through the Immigration and Naturalization Service;
6. The district reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the academic and behavioral standards of the district;
7. The district will accept four full-year exchange students from those exchange programs officially recognized by the Board. Any students beyond that will require specific superintendent action;
8. Exchange students, upon request, will develop a program to introduce their culture to individual classes, school assemblies or community organizations;
9. Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law;
10. Exchange students will be encouraged to participate in all students activities and will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided academic requirements and Oregon School Activities Association criteria are met;

11. In determining whether to admit an individual exchange student, the district will observe the following guidelines:
 - a. Sponsoring Program Approval
 - (1) The sponsoring program must be included in the *Advisory List of International Educational and Exchange Programs* published by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel;
 - (2) The program representative shall have completed the district's Foreign Exchange Program registration form and have been officially approved by the Board;
 - (3) The Board will only approve two organizations to place students in any given school year. Priority will be given to those organizations which have established a positive working relationship over a period of time;
 - (4) The program shall be sponsored by a nonprofit organization;
 - (5) Enrollment of students from any program, in a given school year, shall be limited to no more than two students;
 - (6) The program representative of an approved organization must inform the district by May 1 their intent to place students for the ensuing year. If the representative fails to do so, another organization can apply to become an approved organization;
 - (7) The exchange program shall have an orientation program in the home and in the receiving country;
 - (8) Students are admitted into the program in such a way as to ensure selectivity with respect to academic ability and an acceptable level of competency in written and oral English language skills;
 - (9) The exchange organization has representatives in the local area (within 25 miles of Riddle High School) who can provide assistance to the host family, the school or the students should problems arise;
 - (10) The sponsoring program shall ensure that the school is provided with family and school records to assist in proper placement in academic classes;
 - (11) The organization shall have an outbound as well as inbound programs;
 - (12) The organization must provide or require health insurance for their students;
 - (13) The organization will provide all counseling and language tutoring to exchange students when the district deems necessary.

The policy on Foreign Exchange Students shall be monitored by the building principal.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Please complete the following information and return this form to the superintendent to register your program with the district. Completion of this form does not allow an organization to place student in the district.

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

A. Nonprofit: Yes No

B. Number of years providing service to District: _____

Local Representative

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

1. Training provided for local representative: _____

2. What are the local representatives specific responsibilities? _____

3. Goals and objective of the program: _____

Student Participants

1. Who selects the host families? _____

2. Criteria for selection? _____

3. What orientation is provided for the host families? _____

4. Are families paid for hosting? Yes No

Does the organization provide or require health insurance? Yes No

Signature of Area Representative

Date