

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

- I. Pre-requisites
 - A. State department guidelines stipulate that a group sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving their home country.
 - B. A group sponsored student must obtain a "J-1" visa from the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service which they must show upon registration.
 - C. A student sponsored by a private individual must obtain an "F-1" visa and prior approval required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The individual sponsor must be willing to do the majority of paperwork involved with the F-1 students. The sponsoring individual will accept all responsibility for the exchange student during his/her stay in the United States. Individual sponsors of foreign exchange students are subject to the same procedures and requirements as sponsoring organizations.
 - D. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees.
 - E. Only organizations which are non-profit, meet the criteria of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, are included in the Oregon International Council's Education Opportunity Directory and maintain a continued approval status with Sherman High School will be considered in selecting potential exchange students. Each spring organizations will be reviewed for continuing approval within the district.
 - F. Organizations making an initial application for approval must do so in writing to the principal no later than June 1. Initial acceptance and/or rejection of an organization will be provided in writing within two weeks of receipt of request. Programs receiving approval shall notify the district of their desire to enroll a student no later than June 15. If a request is denied by the principal, a written appeal may be made to the superintendent for final decision.
 - G. Sponsoring organizations shall coordinate placement of exchange students and be fully responsible for their selection, screening, placement with screened host families, orientation to the United States as well as the community and local schools, and for on-going monitoring, supervision, and support of all aspects of the international exchange student's experience in our community. The organization shall provide a complete description of itself including name, address and phone number of local contact person. A copy of all orientation materials shall be provided to school officials.
 - H. The sponsoring organization must provide evidence that appropriate screening has taken place and that the student is between the ages of 16-19 with demonstrated maturity and ability to

function and benefit from a cultural exchange program. Verification that the student has adequate proficiency in English as well as a complete transcript in English of the student's academic records must be provided.

II. Program Guidelines

- A. Sherman High School may accept a maximum of two full-year students from foreign countries. They may not be from the same sponsoring organization and should not be from the same language/cultural background. An effort will be made to select students from diverse geographical regions not previously represented in the past two years.
- B. The high school administration reserves the right to terminate attendance if the student does not comply with the high school academic/behavioral standards that apply to that student.
- C. Exchange students will be expected to take a typical schedule of classes. Students in senior standing shall be eligible for an honorary Sherman High School diploma. Full-year exchange students shall be eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies.
- D. International exchange students shall not be included in any class ranking lists. Exchange students shall have all the rights and privileges of regular students to participate in student activities, as long as they meet the local, state and OSAA regulations. They are expected to participate in activities at the school to enhance their experience here.