

## **Admission of Exchange Students**

### 1. Admission

The district admits up to six foreign students, generally from different countries, to the high school through recognized exchange programs that operate on a nonprofit basis. Participating organizations shall be on the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET) advisory list disseminated by the United States Information Agency and meet the following criteria:

- a. Have and maintain a local area representative during the length of the program who provides support to the student, host family and school;
- b. Have criteria for student participation, including academic performance, English language proficiency and age limits;
- c. Require the student to comply with state immunization requirements and to have health insurance;
- d. Program representatives of approved organizations will inform the principal by May 15, for his/her approval, of their intent to place a foreign exchange student at South Umpqua High School for the ensuing year. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the high school principal;
- e. Provide counseling and language tutoring to exchange students when the school deems necessary; and
- f. Require the student to obtain an appropriate Visa.

### 2. Guidelines

- a. State department guidelines stipulate that a group-sponsored student must obtain school approval and family placement before leaving his/her home country;
- b. Foreign students attending district schools through group-sponsored exchange programs must obtain a "J-1" Visa from the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service 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;
- c. Foreign students attending district schools through private sponsorship must obtain an "F-1" Visa and prior approval required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. 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;
- d. The student or sponsoring organization will provide all dues and fees;
- e. Foreign exchange students will be expected to sign their name to and abide by all Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules. In the event of any problems related to discipline, attendance, academic performance, host family or school placement, the school

- counselor or administrator will contact the exchange representative. The exchange representative will assume all responsibility for relocating the student;
- f. Each foreign exchange student will assume the regular class load as approved by the counselor and administration, which will include one English and one United States History or Government class;
  - g. A transcript will be initiated upon enrollment for only the courses taken at South Umpqua High School as an exchange student. No attempt will be made to determine comparability of courses taken in the home school to district course requirements. The transcript from South Umpqua High School will not indicate that the student has graduated;
  - h. All courses completed at South Umpqua High School as an exchange student shall be awarded Pass/No Pass marks. At the written request of the student with the written concurrence of the host parent, courses taken at South Umpqua High School may be completed as graded courses.

Grades for courses will be determined on the same basis as for other students enrolled in the same courses;

- i. Foreign exchange students enrolled as seniors shall be eligible to receive an honorary diploma upon successful completion of a full class load which will include one English and one United States History or Government class.