

Springfield School District 19

Code: **JECBA**

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Admission of International Study or Exchange Students

In the interest of furthering better understanding and improving human relations among district students and youth from all parts of the world, the school Board encourages the high schools to participate in student International Study or Exchange programs.

International Study or Exchange students must meet the regulations and expectations of local students, including immunization requirements. No student will be enrolled until all standards for admission have been cleared. Information such as the student's name, nationality, age, sponsor's name, host family's name and address, immunization information and health records, school transcript and English proficiency documents will be required upon application submission.

International Study or Exchange students must be a 10th or 11th grade student, hold a J-1 visa, attend for a full academic year and maintain a full day academic schedule. Completion of an International Study or exchange program does not result in the award of a Springfield School District (SPS) high school diploma.

International Study or Exchange students are required meet a minimum language ability scores. Springfield School District accepts SLEP (minimum scaled score of 48) and ELTiS (minimum score of 215); SPS does not accept TOEFL test scores. Sponsoring agencies for International Study or Exchange students found to require additional ELL services will be billed for those services.

International Study or Exchange students are required to participate with an agency that is recognized and meets standards set by CSIET (The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel).

International Study or Exchange students must reside within the attendance boundaries of the high school they are approved to attend. International Study or Exchange students are not eligible to transfer schools or districts.

The district will not approve any International Study or Exchange student should there be a current waiting list of transfer students to either Springfield or Thurston High Schools.

International Study or Exchange students may not transfer schools or districts. International Study students approved to attend a charter school (whether it be a Springfield District sponsored charter or not) may not enroll, take classes or participate in athletics or extra curricular activities at another Springfield school.

International Study or Exchange students are not eligible to attend Gateways High School.

Exchange students must agree to abide by the district policies and regulations and those of the high school they are attending.

At the time of admission to the district, the exchange student must be at least 16 years of age but not older than 18 years of age and cannot be a graduate of high school in their own nation.

International Study or Exchange students will be encouraged to participate in all student activities and will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided academic requirements and Oregon School Activities Association criteria are met.

The district reserves the right to limit the number of exchange students.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367 (2006).