

Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **JECBA**
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Admission of Exchange Students

The district will accept a maximum of eight students from other nations in those exchange programs officially recognized by the Board. The students may be enrolled in any of the high school programs on a space available basis.

Exchange programs recognized by the Board are:

1. American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE)
2. Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
3. Education Travel & Culture (ETC)
4. Foundation for Foreign Study

Other organizations may be considered upon their timely application. Application for permission to operate must be filed with the superintendent's office by April 15th for enrollment in the following academic year.

New programs will be evaluated for acceptance by the Superintendent. Upon completion of a successful year of participation the program will be recommended by the Superintendent for Board approval.

Acceptance of eight (8) exchange students into the high school program will be made by the Superintendent or designee. Any additional exchange students or limit waivers must be approved by the Superintendent.

Each of the recognized programs will be allowed to place up to two students. The recognized programs must file a letter of intent to fill slots by February 1st for placement for the upcoming year. If two students have not been placed by a recognized program prior to April 1st, the unused slots may be available to the other recognized programs on a first come basis. A completed host family arrangement and student information packet is necessary for consideration.

Group-sponsored exchange students on a J-1 Visa may be admitted on a tuition-free basis. Privately sponsored exchange students on a F-1 Visa may be admitted to district secondary schools only upon payment of tuition as established by the Board.

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 and address and immunization information will be required at the time of admission. Student applications must include a transcript for the past two years. All submitted documents must be in English.

Admission of exchange students new to the United States will be made only at the beginning of a semester. All arrangements for admission in the fall semester must be completed by August 1, prior to the beginning of the school term. All placement arrangements for admission to the second semester must be completed by December 1. No placements will be made after the semester begins.

Exchange students must agree to abide by district and high school policies and regulations.

At the time of admission to the high school, the exchange student must be at least 16 years old but not older than 18 years of age.

If possible, organizations should avoid the placement of more than one student of a particular nationality in the same high school.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

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Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1221, 1252, 1224, 1363, 1367 (2006).