

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
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In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board may admit foreign exchange students in to the schools of the District.

The Board may accept only foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to District schools.

The Board may accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the District as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. The Board may waive tuition for five students on a J-1 Visa, with a target goal of a maximum of one student per country.

The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on a F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve months.

The Board shall not be responsible for health insurance or health benefits for exchange students. Exchange students on a F-1 Visa shall provide proof of a valid health insurance plan that includes benefits to cover repatriation and medical evacuation. The health plan must be on file in the district administrator's office before the exchange student is enrolled.

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to District schools.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admissions shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 proceeding the school year of attendance.

Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.

Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- A. Students shall be at least sixteen years and no more than eighteen years of age at the time of enrollment and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.
- B. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.
- C. Students will be considered for admittance only when space is available.
- D. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.

- E. Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- F. Exchange students have the rights and privileges of a resident student during the period of enrollment.

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