

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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### Rationale

The Board believes there are benefits to students, schools, and to the community in general when foreign exchange students are allowed to attend the public schools. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board that foreign exchange students are permitted, under certain conditions to enroll in the school system.

### Policy Regulations:

- A. A foreign exchange student is defined as a student from a foreign country studying in the United States under the sponsorship of an exchange organization. Approval will be made only for those students who are sponsored by exchange organizations which have Teenager Exchange Visitor Programs designation as listed by the United States Information Agency and/or the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and are in full compliance with the regulations of the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) of the Department of Homeland Security.
- B. The organization must have a local sponsor and the host family must be living within the appropriate school boundary.
- C. The fact that a foreign exchange organization has located a host family within the District does not infer the District will automatically enroll the student. While the organization may develop such an agreement with a host family, the family should be advised it is contingent upon admission to the local area high school.
- D. A ratio of one (1) foreign exchange student to two hundred (200) regular students will be used to determine the number of students placed. Any exception to this standard must be approved by the building principal.
- E. The foreign exchange student must be eighteen (18) years of age or younger at the time of enrollment.
- F. The foreign exchange student must have sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable effective communication and to use instructional materials and textbooks printed in English.
- G. The District will follow the regulations for exchange programs as defined by Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) of the Department of Homeland Security, United States Information Agency and/or the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

### Implementation Procedures:

- A. Any exchange student program wishing to place students in the District must submit an application and gain approval prior to the placement of any student(s).
- B. Sponsoring organizations shall provide all necessary information pertinent to the exchange student who is planning to attend the school in this district.
- C. The exchange student will be expected to follow all rules, procedures, policies, and fees required of regular resident students.
- D. Foreign exchange students must maintain passing grades in all classes, follow rules and regulations of District student policies, and show satisfactory discipline and attendance. Failure to comply with these expectations shall result in dismissal of the student from the District's Foreign Exchange Program.
- E. The District reserves the right to deny admittance to any exchange student or exchange student program.
- F. Only those foreign exchange students who complete all of the District's requirements will be entitled to a high school diploma and be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- G. Required Timelines
  - a. August 10                      Deadline for organization to request placement of student in school.
  - b. August 15                      Organization submits names of student and host family to the building principal.
  - c. Foreign exchange students will be entered only at the beginning of a school year and be enrolled no more than two consecutive semesters.
- H. Students desiring to participate in extra curricular activities will follow the guidelines for foreign exchange students as established by the Idaho High School Activities Association.

### Association Policy History:

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