

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Policy Code:

4190

The board embraces the cultural diversity that foreign exchange students bring to the school system. Foreign exchange students expose the school community to new perspectives and customs, facilitate cross-cultural understanding, and prepare all students for a future with increasing global interconnectivity. Foreign exchange students may be accepted for admission into the school system only through approved foreign exchange student programs in accordance with this policy.

A. APPROVAL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAMS

The superintendent or designee may approve a foreign exchange student program upon receipt of documentation that the program:

1. has met the standards established by the Council on Standards for International Ed

and responding to any issues that may arise; and

6. communicating with the student's principal or designee, including providing the principal or designee with written notification of (1) any changes related to the host

5. The board must have determined that space is available at the school to which the student will be assigned. Generally, school assignment will be based on the address of the student's host family. If a different school assignment is approved, the host family must agree to provide the student transportation to and from school. Foreign exchange students will not be permitted to transfer schools after initial enrollment.

D. SELECTION OF COURSES AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each school that enrolls foreign exchange students will designate a faculty member to act as the Foreign Exchange Student Advisor serving as a liaison between each foreign exchange student and the school. The Foreign Exchange Student Advisor will facilitate the selection of the student's courses and extracurricular activities in consultation with the foreign exchange student program's local representative, the host family, school personnel, and the student.

Students will be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities if they meet all applicable eligibility requirements (see policy 3610, Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations) and are not otherwise prohibited by restrictions of the foreign exchange student program.

As the fundamental purpose of the exchange program is cultural exchange, foreign exchange students are not eligible to receive diplomas. Students who were enrolled as 12th graders may participate in high school graduation exercises and associated ceremonies and be awarded honorary certificates.