

## **Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students**

The Board understands and appreciates the cultural and language contributions to the students of the St. Vrain Valley by the interactions and exposure to students from other countries. The Board directs that accommodations for such experiences be provided in the district's high schools. Because of the ever-increasing opportunities for foreign exchange students to study in the community and school system either through formal exchange programs or through informal arrangements with families or friends, procedures shall be established for admission of foreign exchange students.

Foreign exchange students may be admitted only to senior high school programs. The district reserves the right to deny admission to any student, in accordance with applicable law.

The standards for successful completion of a course and the granting of credit for the course shall be the same for foreign exchange students as they are for resident students.

An approved list of cooperating exchange organizations shall be maintained. Organizations shall be approved from year to year and the list shall be evaluated and updated each year. Procedures shall be developed for inclusion and exclusion of organizations based on the performance of each organization with foreign exchange students. New programs and any existing programs with problems shall be put on probationary status for the coming year. Following the probationary year, the organization shall be included on or excluded from the approved list.

Building administrators may enroll one foreign exchange student for every 100 students in any school population. All high schools shall be granted a minimum of one foreign exchange student regardless of enrollment. If there should be a need for any school to exceed the limit, the request shall require the approval of the appropriate area assistant superintendent.

Privately sponsored foreign exchange students may be enrolled if an adult resident of the district has been given temporary guardianship and the student lives in the home of that guardian and if the student meets all legal requirements for a student visa.

This policy and the accompanying regulation apply to non-immigrant foreign exchange students who temporarily reside within the district's boundaries without their parents/legal guardians for the purpose of attending school. These students are those who qualify for a J-1 visa or an F-1 visa under regulations issued pursuant to the Immigration and Naturalization Act. This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to resident aliens, political exiles, or students from other countries residing within the district's boundaries with their parents/legal guardians. Students in the United States on a visitor visa are not entitled to enroll in the schools of the district.

Foreign exchange students on an F-1 visa may only attend secondary schools within the district and are required by law to pay the district for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost to the district for providing education to the student for the period of his or her attendance. The period of attendance may not exceed 12 months.

Foreign exchange students on a J-1 visa are not required by law to pay tuition.

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LEGAL REFS.: 8 U.S.C. 1101 (a)(15)(F)(i) (definition of nonimmigrant student)  
8 U.S.C. 1184 (m) (admission of nonimmigrant elementary and secondary school students)  
22 C.F.R. 62.25 (eligibility for and administration of foreign exchange secondary student visitor programs)