

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 6145.6

Instruction

International Exchange Students (Secondary)

The Board of Education recognizes the value of cultural and educational exchange programs both to foreign students entering district schools and to students resident in those schools.

In order for foreign students to gain the most benefit from their attendance to schools in this district, it is necessary that they and their American hosts understand the district's educational program as it relates to placement, required courses of study, and graduation. Guidelines relative to those areas are contained in the implementing rules to this policy.

To enroll in a district school, an international exchange student must be participating in an exchange program registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the U.S. Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall not incur any financial obligations when sending and/or receiving international exchange students. Program sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and co-curricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and rules.

Legal References: EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
GOVERNMENT CODE
12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement
Organizations
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:
WEB SITES
California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>
California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>
Council on Standards for International Educational Travel:
<http://www.csiet.org>
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural
Affairs: <http://exchanges.state.gov>
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <http://www.ice.gov>

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