

Lower Merion School District

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Purpose

In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to District students, the Board shall admit International exchange students into District schools on a limited basis in accordance with this Policy.

Authority

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

Guidelines

Students on J-1 Visa

The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the District as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Programs that are currently approved by the Board are those sponsored by an agency recognized and approved either by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.

The Board limits the number of International exchange students admitted to the District to no more than three (3) students per school year unless otherwise approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

Students on F-1 Visa

The Board currently does not accept students on F-1, M-1, or B visas.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of International exchange students applying for admission to District schools and making decisions regarding admission.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by May 15 preceding the school year of attendance.

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The Superintendent shall develop Administrative Regulations implementing this Policy which, at a minimum, outline the criteria that International exchange students must meet in order be considered for admission to District schools.

Legal References

8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101
20 U.S.C. 680l et seq
22 PA Code Sec. 4.74
22 CFR Part 62