

Series 5000 - Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

A. Attendance

(2) Foreign Exchange Students

The Board encourages international studies. Students are encouraged to participate in international exchange programs and other activities that advance cultural awareness and promote mutual understanding and respect for the citizens of other countries. To that end, we allow foreign exchange students on one year J-I visas, who are residing with families in the community, to enroll on a non-tuition basis in the local schools. Students who apply must not have the equivalent of a high school diploma from a foreign school system. Students who are accepted and placed in grade 12 will receive an honorary diploma. Further, foreign exchange students must meet those criteria established by the administration in the areas of language competency, residency, and deportment. Only foreign exchange students approved under federal guidelines published by SEVIS will be accepted. The Suffield Board of Education will annually approve the number of foreign exchange students accepted for the upcoming school year after the high school principal and the superintendent have been in consultation.

Students entering the United States on F-I visas, may enter the local school system, only upon payment of the full, unsubsidized public education costs before entering the United States. Further, students on F-I visas may remain in the United States for no more than twelve (12) months. The Suffield Public Schools is prohibited by law from waiving the tuition fee of students on F-I visas.

Legal Reference: Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996
 Connecticut General Statutes
 10-27 International studies, exchange programs. Advisory committee.
 (Amended by PA 04-153, An Act Encouraging International Studies
 Programs)

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