

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS

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239. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS	
1. Purpose	In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to District students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into District schools.
2. Authority 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101	<p>The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to District schools.</p> <p>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. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.</p> <p>If the District becomes Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) certified, then the Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established District rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to District schools.</p> <p>All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance. All other requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>
4. Guidelines Pol. 203	Foreign exchange students shall comply with all enrollment and immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all Board policies, administrative regulations and rules governing all District students.

<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.74</p> <p>8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p>	<p>Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in spoken and written English.2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.5. Exchange students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided eligibility criteria are met.6. An honorary High School diploma shall be awarded to any exchange student who successfully meets pre-established academic requirements and criteria established by the building principal in consultation with the superintendent.7. In order to participate in the commencement ceremonies, an exchange student must meet all of the requirements and criteria referenced above.
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