

## Students

### Foreign Exchange Students

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (ARSD) Board of Education (Board) supports international studies. Students may 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, it allows foreign exchange students on one-year J-I visas, who are residing with families in the town of Bethany, Orange, or Woodbridge, 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 will be placed no higher than grade 11 and will not be eligible to receive a diploma. Further, they must meet those criteria established by the administration in the areas of language competency, residency, and deportment. Only foreign exchange students sponsored by organizations screened by the administration will be accepted. No more than two (2) students at the high school may be accepted for any school year.

No students will be enrolled, until all necessary registration information has been provided including but not limited to: name, age, immunization record, and sponsor's name and proof of residency. Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law and are subject to all ARSD policies and regulations. At the time of admission to ARSD the exchange student must be at least 16 years of age, but not older than 19 years of age. Students may participate in all curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities including athletics, provided they meet local and Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) criteria.

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 local district 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

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