

STUDENTS

Foreign Exchange Students

Policy Statement:

The Board encourages international studies.

Students on J-1 Visas:

The Board permits foreign exchange students on one year J-1 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 only receive an honorary 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.

Students on F-1 Visas*:

Students entering the United States on F-1 visas may enter the Coventry Public Schools (the "district"), only upon payment of the full, unsubsidized public education costs before entering the United States. Further, students on F-1 visas may attend secondary school in the United States for no more than twelve (12) months. The district is prohibited by law from waiving the tuition fee of students on F-1 visas.

*If the Coventry Public Schools is certified by Student Exchange Visitor Information System ("SEVIS"), only students enrolled in grades 9- 12 with F-1 visas shall be permitted to enroll.

Reporting Obligations:

In the event that a foreign exchange student attends the Coventry Public Schools, the district will comply the reporting requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Services as required by law.

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Legal References Available Upon Request

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