

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Directors' Policy

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Washington Central Unified Union School District encourages the presence of foreign exchange students in the school as a means to foster the understanding of different world cultures.

Once enrolled, if an exchange student's proficiency is found to be insufficient to succeed in regular instructional programs without special professional assistance, the sponsor or exchange organization must assume all financial responsibility for any educational support deemed necessary by the school. The sponsor or exchange organization also assumes all financial responsibility for a student's withdrawal from school, for any reason.

WCUUSD will allow up to three foreign students per academic year to attend the school under the following criteria:

- Participants must be sponsored by agencies recognized and approved by CSIET (Counsel on Standards on International Educational Travel)
- Students must reside for the entire term of enrollment with at least one adult whose legal residence is within the school district.
- Students will be admitted to WCUUSD based on the first three legal district residents who submit a tuition waiver.
- Students must not have graduated from high school or its equivalent.
- Students will only be accepted under full-time academic status.
- Students must have sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable effective oral and written communication and the use of instruction materials printed in English.
- Students must be able to function in the regular educational program at school without special professional assistance.

Any person(s) wishing to sponsor and enroll a foreign exchange student in WCUUSD will be subject to the following guidelines:

- The WCUUSD Board of Directors will review all requests by the Guidance Department for placement of foreign exchange students no later than the second regular board meeting in August for placement in the upcoming academic year.
- To enhance cultural diversity, WCUUSD will generally not accept more than one exchange student from the same foreign country in the same academic year. Exceptions may be allowed if all slots are not filled.
- Sponsoring organizations must give assurances at least two weeks prior to the start of the academic year that an exchange student will be placed with a WCUUSD host family.

Exchange students will generally be treated as all other students enrolled in WCUUSD:

- They will be expected to follow all policies and procedures of the school and will be subject to the same disciplinary action as all other students for any infraction of those policies and procedures.
- They must meet all academic standards to maintain full-time student status.
- They and their host family are subject to all fees including but not limited to:
 - a) School meals.
 - b) Curricular and co-curricular materials, books, and equipment not regularly provided by the school.
 - c) All activity fees.
 - d) All cost related to lost or damaged school property while in their possession.

Certain exceptions, however, apply to exchange students:

- They will not be granted a U-32 High School diploma, although the student, if a senior, will be allowed to participate in graduation exercises and may be granted an honorary diploma at the discretion of the principal.
- They will not receive an official transcript or be granted any academic credit from WCUUSD, although, at the student's request, the school will supply the student with a statement indicating the student's program of study and level of achievement. The awarding of actual academic credit for work completed at WCUUSD will be solely at the discretion of the student's home school.
- They will not be enrolled in driver's education.