

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
TO BE REVIEWED AT THE TIME OF HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The Kennewick School District welcomes foreign exchange students as guest to the USA and to our student body. In the spirit of internationalism and cultural exchange, we invite participation in activities and expect each exchange student will seek out ways to share their native culture with the host family, the student body, and the Tri-Cities community.

A counselor, assigned to foreign exchange students, will be the primary advisor for arranging schedules and other school-related issues. Foreign exchange students are expected to be enrolled as full-time students; this means six classes daily each semester. Courses that must be included each semester are English and US History. Special Education classes are not open to foreign exchange students. After registration and the development of a carefully constructed schedule, only extreme-need justifies a change in courses mid-term. (Courses that may appear too difficult due to language barriers in early days of the exchange, may quickly become easier.)

The foreign exchange student's counselor needs to be notified immediately of a change in host parents and/or address.

End of the year graduation policies vary from community to community. In the Kennewick School District, foreign exchange students will be awarded certificates of attendance rather than diplomas and will be recognized in commencement activities. Caps and gowns are reserved for those earning a diploma and are not an option for foreign exchange students. The Kennewick School District will not participate in the release of foreign exchange students for GED or any other form of a high school completion exam. Grades and credits at the end of the school year will be sent to the homestay family unless other arrangements are made through the counseling office.

The goal of this document is to clarify, upon registration and enrollment, foreign exchange student policies and expectations specific to high schools in the Kennewick School District.

These requirements have been reviewed and herein agreed upon.

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Exchange Student	Date
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Host Parent	Date
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Counselor	Date