



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Board supports participation in exchange visitor programs in order to encourage educational and cultural exchange. To that end, it allows foreign exchange students on one year J-I visas who are residing with host families in the community to enroll in a full course of study on a non-tuition basis. The Board supports the discretion of the Superintendent on whether or not to accept any exchange students in an academic year based on local, national or international context.

Students with J-1 Visas

The Superintendent of Schools has the discretion to accept the enrollment of high school students with J-1 visas subject to the following guidelines:

1. Only students sponsored by an exchange visitor program screened and approved by the administration may be considered for enrollment;
2. Students who apply must be secondary school students in their home countries who have not graduated or completed more than eleven years of primary and secondary study (excluding kindergarten);
3. Students must demonstrate sufficient written and oral English language skills;
4. Students must demonstrate maturity, good character, and scholastic aptitude. Students who fail to participate in or attend school, violate rules of conduct or are otherwise disruptive to the educational environment shall be removed from enrollment;
5. Students may not be enrolled for more than one year;
6. Students who are accepted for grade 12 will not be eligible to receive a diploma, but may receive an honorary diploma;
7. Students may participate in athletic and extracurricular activities subject to established criteria for such participation, such as CIAC rules;
8. The Superintendent may limit the number of students who may be accepted for any school year. Enrollment is subject to the availability of space and district resources.

Students with F-1 Visas

Students who enter the United States on F-I visas, may enroll in district schools only upon payment of tuition consisting of the full, unsubsidized per capita costs. The school district is prohibited by law from waiving the tuition fee of students on F-I visas. Further, students on F-I visas may remain in the United States for no more than twelve (12) months and must make normal progress toward completing a full course of study.

Legal References:

8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J) Immigration and Nationality Act
22 U.S.C. 1431-1442, 2451 et seq., Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of
1998 22 C.F.R. Part 62 Exchange Visitor Program