

STUDENTS

Foreign Exchange Program

The Kennewick School District supports the concept that the potential for world peace is enhanced through international understanding. Exchanging high school students around the world is an effective way to promote this understanding. Such programs are encouraged by the Board. Regulation and control of the foreign exchange program shall be directed by the superintendent, who will develop guidelines and procedures for the operation of the program. Such guidelines will include:

- A. A statement of the district's requirements concerning the acceptance of sponsoring organizations.
- B. Assignment of a central office administrator to verify that acceptance criteria have been met and to recommend approval for sponsoring agencies.
- C. A statement of expectations regarding foreign students accepted by the district's Foreign Exchange Program.
- D. Qualifications of students, numbers of students, admission deadlines and communication channels for building, district, and sponsoring agency personnel.

It is to be clearly understood that these guidelines and policies apply only to USIA (United States Information Agency) - designated programs, issuing J-1 Visas.

It is also to be clearly understood that approval of a program for placing students in the district high schools should not be considered approval of any program for placing district students for home-stays, and study abroad. The district has no way of verifying the programs' operations abroad. Families are urged to carefully research each program.

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