

Students**5007 Foreign Exchange Students****A. Participation in Foreign Exchange Opportunities**

1. The Board recognizes the benefits of participating in foreign exchange programs. Such programs increase mutual understanding between the students, staff and citizens of the District and the people of other countries.
2. The District will admit students from foreign nations through foreign exchange programs that are approved by the Superintendent. A foreign exchange program may not be approved unless it is on the current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs that is maintained by The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
3. The District will not admit students on an F-1 visa.
4. The designated school official for purposes of the foreign exchange program is the Superintendent.

B. Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

1. The foreign exchange program shall file application forms and related documents with the District by August 1 prior to the beginning of the school year. In order for a foreign exchange student to be admitted to school, the District's acceptance of the application must occur prior to the commencement of the school year. The District retains the right to reject any application.
2. The foreign exchange program shall be responsible for providing the District with all documents and records required by federal and state law and such other documents and records that the District may request. The documentation is to include information to establish that the foreign exchange student has adequate financial support, that the student is covered by health insurance, a complete transcript and a brief explanation of the transcript, and such other documentation that the High School Principal determines appropriate. Foreign exchange students will be not be admitted until all such documents and records are received.
3. A maximum of four foreign exchange students will be accepted each school year. To promote a diversity of cultural experiences for students of our District, it is recommended that the foreign exchange students admitted in each school year be from different countries.
4. Foreign exchange students must be at least sixteen years old and not older than nineteen years old as of September 1st of the school year in which the student will enroll in the District. Foreign exchange students must not have graduated from high school (or an equivalent educational institution) prior to enrollment in the District.

5. Foreign exchange students must have adequate proficiency in the English language to function in a regular classroom and not require English-as-a-second-language instruction. The foreign exchange program must provide documentation to verify the student's English language proficiency as part of the application process.
6. The host family of the foreign exchange student must be residents of the District and/or there must be other students in the household that are already approved for Option Enrollment. An Option Enrollment application must also be submitted for the foreign exchange student, if the host family does not reside in the District.

C. Requirements During Attendance in the District

1. The host family must be residents of the District and the foreign exchange student must reside in the District during the period of time in which the foreign exchange student is enrolled in the District or there must be other students in the household that are already approved for Option Enrollment and an approved Option Enrollment application must be on file for the foreign exchange student.
2. The local representative of the foreign exchange program is to arrange and attend a meeting with the foreign exchange student, the host family, and the High School Principal or designee prior to the foreign exchange student starting school.
3. The local representative of the foreign exchange program is expected to confer with the High School Principal or designee throughout the foreign exchange student attendance in the District on a schedule to be determined by the Principal.
4. Foreign exchange students are subject to the same policies, student code of conduct, and attendance requirements that apply to regular students with exceptions appropriate for their status as foreign exchange students including, without limitation, the following: (a) foreign exchange students will not be eligible for student fee waivers; (b) foreign exchange students must be enrolled on a full-time basis; and (c) foreign exchange students are ineligible to take any driver education classes offered by the District. Eligibility for participation in NSAA-regulated activities will be determined based on the Bylaws of the NSAA.

D. Academic Matters Involving Foreign Exchange Students

1. Foreign exchange students will be assigned a grade placement and a class schedule as determined appropriate by the High School Principal or designee. Grade placement will be based upon the District's criteria for students transferring from non-approved schools.
2. Foreign exchange students will be required to enroll in an American literature course and a United States history or a United States government course.
3. Foreign exchange students completing the twelfth grade in the District will be recognized with a school certificate for satisfactory attendance and participation.

4. If a foreign exchange student wishes to receive a District high school diploma, the student must make application to the Principal prior to the beginning of the school year. To receive a diploma, the student must fulfill all of the District's regular high school graduation requirements.

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Plattsmouth Community Schools
APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

PART 1—Student Information

Student's Name: _____	DOB: _____	<i>Note:</i> Student must be at least 16 and not older than 19 as of September 1st of the school year of enrollment.
Country of Citizenship: _____		
Parent's Names: _____ (Father) _____ (Mother)	Address: _____ _____	Telephone (s): _____ E-mail: _____
School year the student intends to attend: _____		
School the student expects to attend: _____		
Grade level the student expects to be placed: _____		
<i>(Note: Student must not have graduated from high school or an equivalent educational institution prior to enrollment)</i>		
The student is or will be entering the United States on an F-1 visa: Yes No		
Special Needs/Concerns: _____		

PART 2—Foreign Exchange Program Information

Name of Organization: _____	Name of Local Representative: _____
Address: _____ _____	Telephone (s): _____ E-mail: _____
The foreign exchange program is on the current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs that is maintained by The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: Yes No	
We agree that the local representative of the foreign exchange program will confer with the High School Principal or designee throughout the Student's attendance in the District on a schedule to be determined by the Principal: Yes No	

PART 3—Host Family Information

Name of Host Family: _____ (Father) _____ (Mother)	<i>Note:</i> The host family must be residents of the District and the Student must reside in the District during the period of time the Student is enrolled in the District.
Address: _____ _____	Telephone (s): _____ E-mail: _____

PART 4—Application Requirements

1. Attached to this application is the following documentation to establish that the student has adequate financial support:

2. Attached to this application is the following documentation to establish that the student is or will be covered by health insurance: _____
3. Attached to this application is the student's complete transcript.
We provide the following brief explanation of the transcript: _____

4. Attached to this application is the following documentation to establish that the student has adequate proficiency in the English language to function in a regular classroom and not require English-as-a-second-language instruction:

5. Student wishes to receive a high school diploma from Plattsmouth Community: Yes No.
 If "Yes" the student must make application to the Principal prior to the beginning of the school year and must fulfill all of the District's regular high school graduation requirements. Otherwise, a foreign exchange student completing the twelfth grade in the District will be recognized with a school certificate for satisfactory attendance and participation.

_____ **Date** _____ **Applicant(s)**

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 (FOR SCHOOL'S USE)

Decision on Application

Decision: Accepted
 Not Accepted

Notes:

_____ **Date** _____ **High School Principal**

Note: If accepted, admission is subject to receipt of documentation to meet requirements related to immunization, physical examination and visual evaluation. A certified copy of birth certificate or acceptable substitute (other reliable proof of child's identity and age with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a birth certificate) must be submitted within 30 days of enrollment.