

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ENROLLMENT OF FOREIGN
EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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202.1 ENROLLMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the increasing importance of cultural awareness and understanding and providing diverse experiences to District students. Therefore, in order to promote a sense of global citizenship, the Board encourages the enrollment of foreign exchange students within District schools.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>22 Pa.Code Sec.11.11(d) 22 CFR Part 62</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to facilitate compliance with District policy and state and federal laws concerning the enrollment of foreign exchange students and to set forth the requirements for the enrollment and placement of foreign exchange students.</p> <p>This policy shall not apply to or in any way be construed to prohibit the enrollment of a student because of his/her immigration status. The District acknowledges that it may not ask questions related to a student’s immigration status or lawful presence in the United States in order to determine admission.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to District schools and recommending admission of students to the Board. The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations necessary to implement this policy.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>24 P.S. Sec. 13-1301 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a) 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1184(m)</p>	<p>Prior to enrollment in the District, a foreign exchange student shall submit, via an approved sponsoring agency, the following to the Superintendent or his/her designee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A translated and certified copy of the student’s transcript with an explanation of curriculum, b. A copy of the student’s visa, c. A copy of the student’s immunization records, d. A signed, sworn statement by the student’s host family accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving as a host family without personal profit, e. Proof of English proficiency in oral language, reading, and writing, f. A completed District enrollment packet.

Pol. 905	<p>Prior to enrollment in the District, the host parent(s) of a foreign exchange student must submit to the District a signed enrollment agreement, agreeing to pay any reasonable fees, including investigation costs, in the event that a claim is made against the parent(s) by the foreign exchange student. The enrollment agreement shall also acknowledge that the outcome of any investigation into claim(s) made against them may result in the District prohibiting the host parent(s) from enrolling foreign exchange students in the future.</p> <p>All foreign exchange students must have a J-1 exchange visitor visa status. Foreign exchange students possessing a J-1 visa may be admitted to a District school without the payment of tuition. Under federal law, any foreign visiting or exchange student holding a valid F1 Visa must pay tuition in the amount of the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of education that he or she will receive.</p> <p>Foreign exchange students shall comply with all state immunization requirements.</p> <p>Foreign visiting exchange students shall be accepted on a case-by-case basis for admittance in grades 9-12.</p> <p>Foreign exchange students who have completed secondary school in their respective home countries will not be accepted for enrollment at District schools unless the student's home school certifies that the student's diploma is being withheld for a year while the student is studying at the District.</p> <p>Once admitted, all foreign exchange students shall be subject to all Board policies, administrative regulations, and rules governing all District students.</p> <p>Foreign exchange students who exhibit unsatisfactory academic progress or inappropriate behavior shall be referred to the local coordinator of the approved foreign exchange program. Continued unsatisfactory progress or inappropriate behavior by an exchange student may result in dismissal from the program.</p> <p>Foreign exchange students are eligible to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities as prescribed by the P.I.A.A. and District policy.</p> <p>In the event that a foreign exchange student moves from the home of his/her host family and into another living arrangement, the foreign exchange student shall notify the school principal who shall in turn, notify the Superintendent or his/her designee.</p>
Pol. 120	<p>A foreign exchange student's admission to a magnet school shall be considered in accordance with Board Policy 120 – Magnet Schools and Programs.</p> <p>References:</p>

	<p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.74, 11.11</p> <p>Immigration and Naturalization – 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p> <p>Exchange Visitor Programs, Code of Federal Regulations – 29 CFR Part 62</p>
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