

EXCHANGE AND NON-EXCHANGE FOREIGN STUDENTS

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- *Exchange student* is defined as a student entering the U.S. on J-1 visa under a program approved by the U.S. State Department.
- *Non-exchange foreign student* is defined as a student whose residence is outside the U.S. and who is attending school in the U.S. but is not sponsored by an exchange program approved by the U.S. State Department (e.g., a student with an F-1 visa).

Applicability

This policy applies to students who reside outside the U.S. and are visiting the country temporarily. Immigrant and migrant students residing in the District will be handled in accordance with applicable district policy. Residency shall be determined in accordance with the district's residency verification procedure and law.

Admission

The Board may accept exchange students as defined above. The Board may waive tuition and will pay the visa application fee for such students. The District shall comply with all applicable laws related to admitting and educating exchange students.

The District may accept non-exchange foreign students as defined above. The District will comply with all applicable laws related to accepting a non-exchange foreign student, including registration in the Student Exchange Visitor and Information System (SEVIS) and charging tuition to the student's parent, guardian, or host.¹

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of students admitted under this policy. In addition, the Superintendent shall develop application and admission criteria for students governed by this policy.

Once admitted, all students covered by this policy become subject to applicable district policies and regulations. Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Graduation

Students admitted to district schools under this policy must complete minimum requirements for high school graduation as established by the Board and must be enrolled in a district school at the time of graduation in order to receive a diploma from the District.

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¹ Districts that accept non-exchange foreign students are required to subscribe to SEVIS, which charges a subscription fee.