

## ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes the cultural enrichment derived from welcoming foreign students into the educational program and encourages district participation in a foreign student exchange program. Foreign students covered by this policy may only attend the district's high school and will attend the high school for a maximum of one academic semester or one academic year. A student attending the high school on a J-1 or F-1 visa will not be eligible for a high school diploma, but may be given a certificate of attendance for the period of time in the district and, if placed in the twelfth grade, may be permitted by the Building Principal to participate in high school graduation.

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Only foreign students who possess a valid J-1 or F-1 visa to study in the United States will be admitted to the district's high school as a foreign exchange student. The Board retains the sole discretion to deny admission to any student not meeting all the requirements set forth in this policy and regulation.

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### Foreign Exchange Students (J-1 Visa)

In order for the district to approve a foreign exchange student with a J-1 visa for admission to the high school.

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1. The student must be sponsored by an organization designated as "Exchange-Visitor Programs" by the United States Department of State, pursuant to federal regulations, as sponsoring organization for the exchange of students. Any such organization must supply proof of designation prior to recognition. Program sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.
2. The district will not be responsible for any dues or fees with respect to the exchange program, the student's obtaining of the required visa, or the student's attendance in the high school.
3. The student must be enrolled as a secondary school student in their home country and must not have graduated from a secondary school or completed eleven (11) years of primary and secondary study, exclusive of kindergarten.
4. No later than June 15 of the school year in which the student would be commencing attendance in the district's high school, the sponsoring agency must provide the district with the student's records and credentials (translated into English), setting forth all academic institutions attended, courses studied, and grades received in secondary school. A foreign exchange student will not be admitted after the commencement of the school year.
5. The Building Principal and a high school guidance counselor will review the foreign exchange student's application and records. The Building Principal will submit to the Superintendent a recommendation as to the acceptance or rejection of the application.

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All recommendations for acceptance of a foreign exchange student will be considered for approval by the Board of Education.

6. The student must, as of the start date of attendance in the district's high school, be at least fifteen (15) years of age but not more than age eighteen and a half (18 ½) years of age.
7. The student must have demonstrated in their home school a level of scholastic achievement to indicate success in high school, maturity and good character.
8. The student must be in good health and must provide a record of all immunizations received.
9. The student or the sponsoring organization must provide verification of health and accident insurance with a minimum limit of \$50,000.
10. The student must enroll for a full course of study, on a full time basis.
11. The student must be proficient in the English language. If the student is placed in the district and the district determines that the student is deficient in English language proficiency, the district will have no obligation to provide English as a Second Language ("ESL") services. In such event, the district may, in its discretion, terminate the student's placement or may direct that the sponsoring organization provide and pay for ESL services until the student reaches proficiency in the English language.
12. While attending high school as a foreign exchange student, the student is subject to the same academic standards, attendance requirements, and standards of acceptable behavior and the rules of the high school, including the Student Code of Conduct, as are applicable to other students.
13. All living arrangements for foreign exchange students for the entirety of the period of attendance in the high school are the responsibility of the sponsor and the families with which they are placed. The district will have no responsibility with respect to the living arrangements of such foreign exchange students.
14. The district will accept no more than five (5) foreign exchange students per year from any foreign exchange program.

Foreign exchange students attending the high school on a J-1 visa will be provided bus transportation (within district transportation guidelines) to and from school free of charge. The Board permits foreign students on a J-1 visa to participate in all district extracurricular activities, provided they meet the district's eligibility requirements and follow the district's behavioral and academic rules. Foreign students wishing to participate in interscholastic athletics must also comply with all State Education Department and New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) rules and standards.

When a foreign exchange student is accepted for admission pursuant to a J-1 visa, the letter of acceptance shall include a statement that tuition shall be waived for the student.

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The Board may terminate the approval of a foreign exchange student on a J-1 visa when it would be in the best interests of the district to do so.

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Foreign Students with F-1 Visa

No ~~students~~ with a F-1 visa will be admitted into pre-kindergarten or grades K-8. A student with a F-1 visa may be admitted to the high school for one (1) academic year upon payment of tuition in advance of enrollment. The amount of tuition charges shall reflect the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing educational services to the student. Any letter of acceptance furnished to a foreign student with an F-1 visa must state the cost of tuition and the terms of payment. The district is prohibited by law from waiving the tuition required from students on an F-1 visa.

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A student attending the high school on a F-1 visa is required to fulfill all requirements for the obtaining and maintaining of the visa as set forth in federal statutes and regulations.

Foreign exchange students attending the high school on a F-1 visa will be provided bus transportation (within district transportation guidelines) to and from school free of charge. A foreign exchange student on a F-1 visa will be eligible to participate in all co-curricular and interscholastic activities, subject to the rules applicable to those activities.

Cross-Ref: 4772. Graduation Ceremonies  
5100. Attendance  
5300. Student Code of Conduct  
5280. Interscholastic Athletics  
8411. School Bus Scheduling and Routing  
8411-R. School Bus Scheduling and Routing Regulation

**Deleted:** Immigrant Students¶

All school-aged immigrant students who have abandoned their residence in a foreign country and have established residence in the district will be admitted to the district's schools without payment of tuition.¶

Ref: ~~8~~ USC ~~§§~~ 1101(a)(15), 1184(m)(1)(B)  
8 CFR ~~§~~ 214.2(f)  
22 CFR ~~§§~~ 41.61, 41.62, 62.25  
Education Law 1709(13)  
Education Law 3202(1-a)  
Szynakowski v. Utah High School Activities Association, Inc., 2025 WL 18719 (D. Utah Jan 2, 2025)  
Appeal of Lisamarie Esposito, 57 Ed. Dept. Dec. 17,415 (2018).

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