Recommended

WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	**POLICY:**	**C47**
	WARNED:	**9.17.25**
Board of Directors' Policy	**ADOPTED:**	10.15.25
STUDENT EXCHANGES	**EFFECTIVE:**	10.15.25

Exchanges of students between school districts can provide educational and personal benefits for the students involved. In many cases, such exchanges also benefit the school as a whole, as the participants make valuable contributions to the schools they attend.

In the acceptance of foreign or domestic exchange students, Washington Central Unified Union School District students and staff find unique opportunities to learn and understand people and cultures different from their own.

WCUUSD encourages such exchange programs and similarly encourages the providing of programs which allow WCUUSD students an opportunity to travel, live, and study in other cultural settings.

PROCEDURES

Area Schools Student Exchanges

The principal is authorized to approve one-for-one exchanges of WCUUSD resident students with students who reside in other school districts providing that the principal of the non-resident's school has similarly approved the proposed exchange. In approving such proposed exchanges, the principal shall follow the procedures as listed below:

1. Only one-for-one exchanges may be made. For every non-resident student accepted under this program a resident student must be accepted at the school that the non-resident students would have otherwise attended.

2. An application for an exchange must be made in writing to the Principal of the receiving school with a copy to the Principal of the sending school.

3. Applications must be made annually. Number of years in the program will be considered in determining priority for renewal. Renewal requests must be received on or before May 1st prior to the year of the requested attendance. Renewal applications received after May 1st will be treated on the same basis as new requests.

4. All new requests will be considered according to the order in which they are received.

5. Special education students will be considered only if the proposed exchange is approved by the student's IEP team and the receiving school determines that the student's special needs can be met without added burden of cost or resources to the school system.

6. Students will not be accepted who have a history of behavior or attendance problems unless it is mutually agreed by the two principals that the change in schools shows genuine promise of correcting the problem(s).

7. Transportation of the student will be the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

8. Students accepted under this exchange program will be entered on the school register as tuition non-resident students (for whom) tuition payment is waived by the Board) thereby making them eligible to represent WCUUSD on all activities under the sponsorship of the Vermont Headmaster's Association.

9. No students will be approved for exchange after September 30 each year unless the circumstances are extenuating and beyond the control of the student.

10. Once a student has been notified of acceptance, his/her place is assured for the forthcoming school year.

Foreign and Domestic Exchange Programs

Application from a student applying for admission to WCUUSD under the sponsorship of an approved foreign or domestic exchange program will be screened by the principal to determine whether all of the below listed guidelines have been met and/or agreed to by all parties. Upon completion of said screening, the principal shall make a recommendation to the superintendent regarding the acceptance of the student. The superintendent shall in turn inform the Board of accepted students.

1. The student must be sponsored by a recognized and approved (as per the Vermont Headmaster's Association) agency or organization whose prime purpose is to provide pupil exchange programs.

2. The student must have approved arrangements to reside with a family living within the school district.

3. The student must demonstrate a level or proficiency in written and spoken English sufficient to enable him/her to benefit from the academic program of the school without undue hardship to the instructors and other students.

4. The student will not be granted a U-32 high School diploma although the student, if a senior, will be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises and may be granted an honorary diploma at the discretion of the principal.

5. The students will not receive an official transcript or be granted any academic credit from a WCUUSD school, although, at the student's request the school will supply the student with a statement indicating the student's program of study and level of achievement. The awarding of actual academic credit for work completed at WCUUSD school will be solely at the discretion of the student's home school.

6. The student will not be enrolled in driver's education.

Exception

Students who do not meet all of the stated conditions, but who are worthy of special consideration in the judgment of the principal, may be granted admission by the Board upon the recommendation of the principal.