International Exchange Students (Secondary)

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The Board of Education recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promoting global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students in district schools and encourages district students to take advantage of opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

District Students Study in Another Country

School counselors may provide information regarding international exchange programs and academic counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. Such counseling shall include a review of the student's completed coursework, academic achievement, and personal goals, and shall advise the student regarding requirements that the student must meet during attendance in the foreign school in order to maintain progress toward meeting district graduation requirements.

Credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and rule.

International Exchange Students in District Schools

Before enrolling an international exchange student in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall request proof that the student is participating in an International Student Exchange Placement Organization (ISEPO) program registered with the California Attorney General's Office.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain from the ISEPO a description of the services to be performed by the ISEPO for the student, host family, and the district; telephone numbers that the student, host family or district may contact for assistance; and a summary of the student's complete prior academic coursework completed.

The district may require additional documents which may include, but are not limited to, evidence that the student has health and accident insurance from the time of departure from home to the time the student returns to the home country.

The Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange and terminally ill students
GOVERNMENT CODE
12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations
FEDERAL
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
22 CFR 62.25 Secondary school students; exchange visitor program
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
WEBSITE
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
California Attorney General's Office http://oag.ca.gov/
California Interscholastic Federation http://www.cifstate.org/
Council on Standards for International Educational Travel http://www.csiet.org/
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs http://exchanges.state.gov/
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement http://www.ice.gov/

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