

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Foreign Exchange Students
Number	239
Status	First Reading
Adopted	November 25, 2013
Last Revised	November 19, 2018

### **Purpose**

In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into district schools.

### **Authority**

The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the ~~established~~ criteria established in Board policy and administrative regulations.~~for admission to district schools.~~

The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. ~~Students must submit the required form.~~ Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.

The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon ~~receipt of the required form and~~ payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months~~one (1) academic year.~~

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools based on space availability and qualifying criteria.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

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,~~in accordance with established district guidelines.~~

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee no later than the second Monday in May prior to the start of the school year of attendance. An organization shall not be required to reapply after receiving Board approval.

### **Guidelines**

#### Sponsoring Organization

~~The sponsoring organization shall petition the Board for recognition and participation in the organization's program of student exchange.~~

~~The sponsoring organization must be able to demonstrate that:~~

- ~~1. The potential exchange student has been appropriately screened for his/her eligibility for the program.~~

- ~~2. Placement of students shall be in district homes of responsible and well-screened families in the community. Host families must reside in the school district.~~
- ~~3. Medical coverage is guaranteed for the exchange student.~~
- ~~4. Medical/Emergency travel is available to the student at no cost to the student or family with whom the student resides.~~
- ~~5. Communication among the sponsoring organization, host family, exchange student, and the school personnel will take place.~~
- ~~6. The organization is an approved foreign exchange student program in accordance with federal requirement.~~

~~Recognized exchange programs by a sponsoring organization are subject to the review of the Superintendent or designee to ensure continued compliance with the provisions of this policy.~~

### Students

Foreign exchange students shall comply with all enrollment and immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all Board policies, administrative regulations and rules governing all district students.[1]

The district shall administer the Home Language Survey to foreign exchange student enrolling in district schools. Students identified as English Learners shall be assessed and provided instruction in accordance with the district's Language Instruction Education Program (LIEP) and Board policy [3][4][5][6].

~~Requests for admission of foreign exchange students must be made to the district by July 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the academic school year, and shall be subject to the following guidelines:~~

- ~~1. Documentation shall be provided that application for a J-1 Visa has been made and that the student will receive a J-1 Visa upon acceptance by the school district.~~
- ~~2. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age.~~
- ~~3. Students must not be a graduate of the school system of their native country.~~
- ~~4. Students shall be encouraged to participate in student activities and athletics, provided that all eligibility criteria are met.~~
- ~~5. Students must complete the Home Language Survey and submit it to the district. This may be done prior to arrival in the United States.[2]~~
- ~~6. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.~~

~~A Certificate of Attendance shall be awarded to all exchange students who successfully meet academic requirements in the Crawford Central School District. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.[3]~~

Legal

1. Pol. 203
2. Pol. 200
3. Pol. 217
- 8 U.S.C. 1101
- 22 PA Code 4.74
- 22 CFR Part 62

Last Modified by Janet Nahay on November 2, 2018