## SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE

**STUDENTS** 

ADOPTED:

**REVISED:** 

|                                       | 239. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS   |
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| 1. 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.   |
| 2. Authority<br>8 U.S.C.<br>Sec. 1101 | The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines 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. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.  |
|                                       | The Board shall accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months. |
|                                       | The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.   |
| 3. 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.   |
|                                       | All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee preceding the school year of attendance.   |
| 4. Guidelines<br>Pol. 203             | Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.   |

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Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- 1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.
- 2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.
- 3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.
- 4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
- 5. Exchange students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided eligibility criteria are met.
- 6. Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma but may be awarded an honorary diploma.

PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.74

8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101

Board Policy 203