

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that cultural enrichment may be derived from welcoming foreign exchange students into the high school educational program.

Only foreign students who possess a valid J-1 visa participating in an exchange program designated as an “Exchange-Visitor Program” by the United States Department of State will be admitted to the district's high school. The Board retains the sole discretion to admit foreign exchange students and to deny admission to any student not meeting all of the requirements set forth in this policy and its implementing regulations.

Foreign exchange students may be admitted to the district high school for a one-year academic program. A written request to admit a foreign exchange student must be submitted to the Superintendent who shall review the student’s file, along with the High School Principal, to determine that all requirements have been met.

1. The district will recognize as exchange students only students from those organizations sponsoring exchange visitors who have been designated as “Exchange Visitor Programs” by the U.S. Department of State, pursuant to federal regulations. Any such organization must supply proof of designation prior to recognition.
2. No foreign exchange student subject to this policy and regulation shall be brought into the district by a foreign exchange student program unless he or she has been accepted in writing as a student by the Superintendent or designee.
3. No foreign exchange student shall be enrolled unless he/she demonstrates compliance with all New York State immunization requirements.
4. Foreign exchange students must be proficient in the English language (able to speak, understand and read English).
5. Foreign exchange students will be allowed to attend school and will be provided bus transportation to and from school free of charge as long as the student is living within the boundaries of the Tuxedo UFSD. When a foreign exchange student is accepted for admission pursuant to this policy and regulation, the letter of acceptance shall include a statement that tuition shall be waived for the student.
6. The district will accept no more than **five (5)** foreign exchange students in a school year.

The Board may terminate the enrollment of a foreign student for failure to abide by the district’s policies and/or the school’s rules, for reasons, including but not limited to:

- Failing grades in two or more courses of study;

- Failure to conform to established rules and regulations, including the district's code of conduct;
- Failure to conform to the regulations established by the sponsoring organization; and/or
- Excessive absences.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Ref: 22 CFR Part 62 (Exchange Visitor Program) §62.25 (Secondary School Students)
8 CFR 214.2(j) (Special Requirements for Admission, Extension and Maintenance of Benefits for Exchange Aliens)
Education Law §§1709(13), 3202
Matter of Jones, 24 EDR 11,335 (1984)

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Procedures for Admission

1. Foreign exchange students (“students”) must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years and six months at the time of enrollment.
2. The student must have demonstrated in his/her home school a level of scholastic achievement to indicate probability of success in the high school.
3. The student’s academic and disciplinary records and credentials, including English translation, indicating all academic institutions attended, courses studied and grades received in secondary school must be provided to school officials by August 1 for admission the following September.
4. The student must be in good health and immunization record must be provided.
5. The student or the sponsoring organization must provide verification of health and accident insurance with a minimum limit of \$20,000.
6. The student must enroll for a full course of study, on a full-time basis.
7. The student must present himself/herself for registration prior to the first day of classes for the school year.
8. The student must agree to conform to established standards of acceptable behavior and to comply with the district’s code of conduct, rules and regulations of the high school.

Extracurricular Activities

The Board permits foreign exchange students 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 exchange students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics must also:

- Be sponsored by an organization both approved by the U.S. Department of State and accepted by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); and
- Comply with all State Education Department and New York State Public High School Athletic Association rules and standards.