

## Foreign Exchange Student Policy

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**General Policy:** Foreign exchange students shall be permitted, under conditions, to enroll in the Sioux Valley School District.

### **Section A: Definition**

A foreign exchange student is defined as a student from a foreign country studying in the United States under the sponsorship of an exchange organization. The Sioux Valley School District recognizes the educational value of participating in foreign exchange student programs.

### **Section B. Authorized Number**

It is the district's desire that the foreign exchange student's American experience be a positive one that will present a true representation of life in America and the American Education System. However, the program's value must be balanced with the internal adjustments made by the school district to accommodate these students. It is the school district's responsibility to ensure that no program, student, family, or teacher would be adversely affected. Therefore, it is the policy of the Sioux Valley School Board to encourage and support the enrollment of no more than three (3) foreign exchange students per school year. Sioux Valley reserves the right to reject any and all foreign exchange student applications for whatever reason deemed appropriate, so long as the reason for the rejection is not based on the applicant's race, color, sex, religion, or nationality.

### **Section C: Residency**

Students must reside in a household which meets districts residency requirements **or whose own children are open enrolled to Sioux Valley Schools** and assumes all parental responsibility for the student. It is strongly recommended the host families have high school age children attending Sioux Valley School.

### **Section D: Placement Procedure**

All requests for placement must be submitted to the high school principal according to the required timelines below.

1. **January 1 through June 1** – Window that placement applications will be accepted for the following school year.
2. **On or before June** – Selection of foreign exchange students for enrollment to Sioux Valley for the upcoming school year. Priority will be given to students where the host families have high school age children attending Sioux Valley School and also families who have not been host families before or recently.

After approval and no later than June 1, the exchange organization will submit to the high school principal the names of the exchange students and host families, name and address of the

local representative for the organization, and translated transcript for each candidate. Transcripts must indicate grade placement, previous coursework, and record of English proficiency. Exchange students will:

1. be entered only at the beginning of the first semester, and enrollment will be for no less than (1) semester and no more than two (2) consecutive semesters.
2. be enrolled as a junior and thus not eligible for a diploma.
3. have a full schedule of classes which includes
  - a. 1 credit English
  - b. 1 credit US Government
  - c. 1 credit US History
  - d. 1 credit mathematics
  - e. 1 credit science
4. not be enrolled in the district's ELL or LEP classes, or qualify for special education, 504, or credit recovery programs.
5. follow all the rules and regulations of the Sioux Valley School District

#### **Section E: Termination**

Sponsors and/or organizations who do not consistently screen and monitor foreign exchange students and host families, or who misrepresent information provided to the school, may lose the privilege of placing students in the Sioux Valley School District.