

FBDA - Exchange Students

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

The Board may accept only foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to District schools.

The Board may accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the District as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. The Board will recognize only those organizations approved by the American Association of Secondary Principals. The Board may waive tuition for students on a J-1 Visa.

The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on a F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools and only upon payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve months. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.

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 by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance.

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.

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

- Students shall be at least sixteen years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.
- Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.
- Students will be considered for admittance only when space is available.
- Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
- Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- Exchange students have all the rights and privileges of a resident student during the period of enrollment.

Legal Ref: 8 U.S.C. § 1101: Illegal Immigrant and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

**New Town Public
School District #1**

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