

Foreign Exchange Students

1. Only those organizations sponsoring foreign exchange students who have been approved by the U.S. International Communication Agency as having teenager exchange-visitor program designations will be considered for possible acceptance by the District.
2. The sponsoring organization must be able to demonstrate that:
 - a. appropriate screening of exchange candidates takes place;
 - b. exchange students have a J-1 Visa;
 - c. adequate medical coverage is guaranteed the exchange student;
 - d. medical and emergency travel are available to the exchange student at no charge to the school system, student, or the family with which he/she resides;
 - e. the student will be responsible for all fees normally charged regular students;
 - f. appropriate screening of host families;
 - g. reliable area representative(s) are readily available;
 - h. orientation, both pre-departure and upon arrival in the United States, to all foreign exchange students has been accomplished;
 - i. foreign exchange students satisfy the same age and other general requirements of regular students as established by state and local education agencies.
3. No organization sponsoring a foreign exchange program shall place a student in a secondary school without first notifying the superintendent and obtaining approval for the admission of the student. The designated program sponsor is responsible for the selection of the American host family. A program sponsor's representative must personally interview and visit the home of each host family before that family is permitted to receive an exchange student. Telephone interviews are not sufficient. Personal interview must be done before student's arrival. Input from the District must be received before a host family is chosen.
4. Sponsoring organizations must provide the host school with a foreign student's English translation of his/her transcript and other pertinent information that may be desired by the District at least two months prior to the time of enrollment.
5. Students from sponsoring organizations will be entered only at the beginning of a semester and for a minimum of one semester of attendance and a maximum of two.

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6. All exchange students must:
 - a. take courses for credit;
 - b. take U.S. History and native language class (if possible);
 - c. be willing to visit all classes, K-12 grades, to talk about his/her homeland;
 - d. speak and comprehend English fluently.
7. All foreign exchange students will be enrolled in no higher than the Junior Class at Shoshone High School and, therefore, will not qualify for a Shoshone High School diploma.
8. Students from sponsoring organizations will be subject to the same policies, to the same rules of conduct, and to the same attendance requirements that apply to regular students. Exchange students from sponsoring organizations shall be accorded all of the rights and privileges of a regular student during the period of enrollment.
9. Immigration authorities and the International Communication Agency will be notified if the student and/or organization does not comply with the policy governing the admittance of foreign exchange students.
10. If, in the judgment of the School District, a sponsoring organization did not meet its responsibilities as outlined above, it will be denied the opportunity to place a student in the District's schools the following year.
11. Shoshone School District, because of the size of the student body, will accept **only one student during each school year**. If a student is enrolled and is later placed in a home outside the Shoshone School District and no longer attends Shoshone High School, a new student will then be accepted.

Procedure History:

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