

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promote global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students and further encourages district students to take any opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

**District Students Studying in Another Country**

School counselors may provide information regarding international exchange programs and academic counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. Such counseling shall include a review of the student's completed coursework, academic achievement, and personal goals, and shall advise the student regarding requirements that the student must meet during attendance in the foreign school in order to maintain progress toward meeting district graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

**International Exchange Students in District Schools**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and cocurricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

35160 Authority of Board of Trustees

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

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35185 Miscellaneous administrative authority

48052 Nonresidents

48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

87100 General prohibition, conflict of interest

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

350-384 California Uniform Supervision of International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

214.2 Students in academic high schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance Regarding International Student Exchange Placement Organizations, 2014

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Office of the Attorney General, ISEPO: <http://oag.ca.gov/exchangestudents>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: <http://www.csiet.org>

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs:

<http://exchanges.state.gov>

U.S. Department of State, Exchange Visitor Program:

<http://j1visa.state.gov/programs/secondary-school-student>

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <http://www.ice.gov>