

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes the cultural enrichment derived from welcoming non-immigrant foreign students into the educational program. Thus, the Board encourages the attendance of non-immigrant foreign students in the District's High School.

Only non-immigrant foreign students who possess a valid J-1 or F-1 visa to study in the United States will be admitted to the District's High School. The Board retains the sole discretion to deny admission to any student not meeting all the requirements set forth in this policy and regulation.

Foreign Exchange Students – J-1 Visa

The Board encourages District participation in a foreign exchange student program. Foreign exchange students will be admitted to the District High School for a one-year academic program.

1. The District recognizes only those organizations designated as "Exchange-Visitor Programs" by the United States Information Agency, pursuant to federal regulations, as sponsoring organizations for the exchange of students. 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 High School Building Principal or a designee.
3. Foreign exchange students will be allowed to attend school and will be provided bus transportation to and from school free of charge. 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.

The Board may terminate the approval of a foreign student program when it would be in the best interests of the District to do so.

Foreign Students – F-1 Visa

No F-1 Visa students will be admitted into Grades K-8. F-1 Visa students may be admitted to the High School for one academic year upon the payment of tuition. The amount of tuition charged shall reflect the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing educational services to the student.

Immigrant Students

All school-aged immigrant children who have abandoned their residence in a foreign country and established residence in the District will be admitted to the District's schools without payment of tuition.

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS REGULATION

The High School Building Principal shall review applications for the admission of foreign students according to the guidelines established below.

1. Students will be accepted between the ages of 15 and 18½ years at time of application.
2. The student must have demonstrated in his/her home school a level of scholastic achievement to indicate the possibility of success in the High School.
3. The student's records and credentials, including English translation, indicating all academic institutions attended, courses studied, and grades received in secondary school, must be available to school officials no less than three (3) weeks prior to the departure from the student's home, or by June 15 for admission the following September.
4. The student must be in good health and an 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 \$50,000.
6. The student must enroll for a full course of student, on a full-time basis.
7. The student must agree to conform to established standards of acceptable behavior and conform to the rules and regulations of the High School.

All applications will be reviewed by the international student advisor, appropriate counselor, and the High School Building Principal. After the review, a recommendation for the approval or rejection of the application will be submitted to the Superintendent.

The District reserves the right to deny admission to any student not meeting all the requirements set forth in this policy and regulation.

Payment of Tuition

Any letter of acceptance furnished to a foreign exchange program on behalf of a foreign student with a J-1 Visa will state that tuition will be waived, unless the Board determines otherwise. If the Board opts to charge tuition, the letter of acceptance will state the cost of tuition and the terms of payment.

F-1 Visa students will pay tuition for the amount of the full, unsubsidized per capita cost to the District of providing education to the student. Any letter of acceptance furnished to a foreign student with an F-1 Visa must state the cost of tuition and the terms of payment.

Registration, Graduation

1. The non-immigrant student must present himself/herself for registration prior to the first day of classes for the current semester.
2. At the time of registration, the non-immigrant student will be provided a form, to be signed by him/her, the host family, and, in the case of a foreign exchange student, a representative of the sponsoring organization, indicating compliance with the conditions as stated in this policy.
3. The non-immigrant student will be granted a certificate upon completion of an approved course of study and will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises, as appropriate.

Termination of Progress

A student's participation may be terminated at any time by school officials for failure to abide by established guidelines, including:

1. failure of two or more courses of study, without sufficient effort;
2. failure to conform to established rules and regulations;
3. failure to conform to the regulations established by the sponsoring organization; and/or
4. excessive absences.

Suspension of Sponsoring Organization

Should the guarantee or documentation provided by a sponsoring organization prove invalid, further acceptance of foreign exchange students from that organization will be dependent upon proof of compliance with District policy and regulation.

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