

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that personal contact between students of different countries and cultures promotes global awareness and international understanding. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international 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.

International Student Programs

To enroll in a district school, an international exchange student must be participating in an exchange program registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the U.S. Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

The district must file a petition for certification and enrollment in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System). Under the Immigration and Naturalization Service's interim rule entitled "Requiring Certification of all Service Approved Schools for Enrollment in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), this petition must then be reviewed and approved by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) in order for international students to be considered for enrollment in the district high schools.

The district is responsible for reporting all information required by SEVIS with regard to updating student information.

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall incur no financial obligation when receiving international students. (F-1) program participants and (J-1) and student-sponsored program participants, in addition to student tuition, shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health, accident and liability insurance, the student's home placement, evidence of financial resources when in the United States, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

An international student may attend an SRCS school as part of a J-1 student sponsored program only at the same time an SRCS student is studying abroad through the same J-1 student sponsored program as part of an international exchange. The student sponsored program must have a branch office or club located within the SRCS enrollment boundaries.

The district ~~shall~~ may admit up to four international students per year (two per comprehensive high school) ~~free of charge (no tuition)~~.

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

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The district staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. The district credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

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.

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

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