



## ADMISSION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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### POLICY:

The Board recognizes the cultural benefits of foreign exchange student programs. The Superintendent is authorized to accept group-sponsored exchange students on a J-1 Visa, sponsored by an approved foreign exchange program, who reside within the District, into the schools on a tuition-free basis.

Foreign sponsored students seeking F-1 Visa status may also be enrolled if an adult resident of the District has been given temporary guardianship and the student lives in the home of that guardian. Foreign students on an F-1 Visa are required to pay tuition at the established District rate. F-1 student admission is limited to the high school and attendance may not exceed 12 months.

Foreign exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law. The Superintendent shall be responsible for implementing administrative procedures to qualify and accept foreign exchange students. Whenever possible, foreign exchange students shall be selected from a broad and diverse representation of cultures.

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

1. A limit of two students per program will be enrolled in the high school from foreign exchange programs officially recognized by the District;
2. Students will be subject to all policies and regulations governing the conduct and behavior of resident students;
3. Students will be considered for acceptance and enrolled on a space-available basis;
4. Applications will be screened by the high school principal to determine if there is an appropriate program available for the student;
5. The foreign exchange student will be at least 16 years of age, but not older than 18 years of age and will possess a reasonable knowledge of the English language;

6. Resident host families will complete a host family affidavit form accepting responsibility for the student and verifying that they are serving as a volunteer host family without personal profit;
7. Students will maintain passing grades in all subjects as well as satisfactory discipline and attendance records;
8. Students will be encouraged to participate in the full range of school activities and athletics provided they meet local and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) criteria; and
9. Students in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade shall receive an honorary McMinnville High School diploma, unless their prescribed course of study includes completion of requirements that make them eligible for a standard diploma. All full year foreign exchange students in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade may participate in graduation ceremonies regardless of the diploma received.

The Superintendent shall keep the Board informed regarding foreign exchange students, their numbers and sponsoring agencies.

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.133](#)

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Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367.