



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
ADOPTED:	8/23/17
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239 - FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Section 1. Purpose

In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall enroll foreign exchange students into District schools.

Section 2. Authority

- a. At the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established criteria for admission to District schools.
- b. The Board shall accept foreign exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the District as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board.
- c. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.
- d. The Board shall accept privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established District rate; tuition payments may not be waived.
- e. The number of foreign exchange students shall be capped at five (5) students per year.
- f. The period of attendance shall not exceed 9 (nine) months and may not be less than one semester.
- g. Applications received after July 1st will not be accepted.

Section 3. Delegation of Responsibility

- a. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to

8 U.S.C.
Sec. 110122 CFR
Part 62

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Title 22
Sec. 4.74

District schools and recommending admission of students to the Board.

- b. All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee prior to the school year of attendance.

Section 4. Guidelines

- a. Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all District policies and regulations governing students.
- b. Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:
 - 1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age upon enrollment and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.
 - 2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.
 - 3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.
 - 4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the students and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
 - 5. Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma.

References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.74
Immigration and Naturalization – 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101
Exchange Visitor Programs, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations – 22 CFR Part 62
Board Policy – 203

Replaces Policy:

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