

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS

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239. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS	
1. Purpose	In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into district schools.
2. Authority 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101	<p>The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.</p> <p>The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.</p> <p>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. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to district schools.</p> <p>All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 prior to the school year of attendance.</p>
4. Guidelines Pol. 203	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.

<p>8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p> <p>Board Policy 203</p>	<p>The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, by waiving tuition, encourages the practice of accepting foreign exchange students in its secondary schools. Two (2) categories of programs are considered for tuition waiver but preference is given to category one.</p> <p><u>Category 1</u></p> <p>Foreign students sponsored by a recognized student exchange agency who are supported by a local adult volunteer chapter such as exists with Rotary International through the Swarthmore and Media Rotary Clubs.</p> <p><u>Category 2</u></p> <p>Foreign exchange students sponsored by other recognized programs, such as Youth For Understanding (YFU), Academic Year in the United States of America (AYUSA), and American Field Service (AFS), and others whose exchange has been arranged privately will be considered for tuition waiver, after application to the school principal, on a case-by-case basis by the Board. Category 2 foreign exchange student applications will not be considered if received after March 15 of the preceding academic year. Additionally, Category 2 foreign exchange student application materials shall clearly set forth the fees assessed by sponsoring organizations.</p> <p>In no case shall more than four (4) foreign exchange students be accepted on a tuition waiver basis for a given academic year.</p> <p>Students sponsored by such a student exchange agency shall be admitted only when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The local foreign exchange committee has arranged for a host family within the district.2. The local foreign exchange committee has accepted full responsibility for the student's financial support while in the district.3. The host family and sponsoring organization have agreed to stand in loco parentis in all matters relating to the schools.4. The principal of the host school has reviewed the scholastic personal record of the student and has recommended his/her acceptance.
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