

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS

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202.1. 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 the schools of the district.
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 a 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 preceding 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.

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

1. Students will be considered for admittance on a space-available basis. Not more than three (3) students will be admitted each year.
2. Resident host families shall assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements for the student and verify that they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
3. Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma but may be awarded an honorary diploma.
4. Foreign exchange students sponsored by organizations will be accepted only from those groups approved and listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, a not for-profit organization committed to quality international educational travel and exchange, or from groups who meet the standards established by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET).
5. The sponsoring organization agrees to pay the district for all Limited English Proficiency Program costs required by a foreign exchange student.