

DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS

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239. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS	
1. Purpose	<p>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.</p> <p>The exchange shall involve an outbound Delaware Valley student(s) exchanging with an inbound foreign student(s).</p>
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. The exchange will be of equal ratio, i.e., One (1) DV student outbound and 1 foreign exchange student inbound; two (2) DV students outbound and two (2) foreign exchange students inbound.</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 May 1, of the preceding the school year of attendance.</p>
4. Guidelines Pol. 203	<p>Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies</p>

<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.74</p> <p>8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p> <p>Board Policy 203</p>	<p>and regulations governing students.</p> <p>Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and no more than 18 at the start of the school year, and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.2. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.3. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.4. Exchange students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided eligibility criteria are met.5. The group-sponsored exchange person shall have an approved local contact person to serve as a liaison to the school and host families.
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