

MIDDLETOWN AREA 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 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 reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools to four (4) per school year.</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	<p>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> <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 shall be sufficiently fluent in English. 2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.

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3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space-available basis.
4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
5. Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met.
6. A high school diploma shall be awarded to all exchange students who successfully meet academic requirements during the year they attend.
7. Exchange students not eligible to receive a high school diploma may be awarded an honorary diploma.