INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Board of Education recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promoting global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students in district schools and encourages district students to take advantage of opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

District Students Studying in Another Country

School counselors may provide information regarding international exchange programs and academic counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. Such counseling should include a review of the student's completed coursework, academic achievement, and personal goals, and advise the student regarding requirements that the student must meet during attendance in the foreign school in order to maintain progress toward meeting district graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

International Exchange Students in District Schools

Before enrolling an international exchange student in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall request proof that the student is participating in an International Student Exchange Placement Organization (ISEPO) program registered with the California Attorney General's Office. The Board reserves the right to require baseline academic criteria prior to the enrollment of international students.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain from the ISEPO a description of the services to be performed by the ISEPO for the student, host family, and the district; telephone numbers that the student, host family, or district may contact for assistance; and a summary of the student's complete prior academic coursework.

(Government Code 12628; 22 CFR 62.25)

The district may require additional documents which may include, but are not limited to, evidence that the student has health and accident insurance from the time of departure from home to the time the student returns to the home country. (11 CCR 360; 22 CFR 62.25)

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall not incur any financial obligation when educating international exchange students. An international student, or the ISEPO on behalf of the student, shall reimburse the district for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at a district school for the period of the visiting student's attendance.

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