NONRESIDENT FOREIGN STUDENTS

Definitions

**F-1 Visa Students:** An F-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant visa category intended for use by nonresident aliens whose primary purpose for visiting the United States is to study at an academic school. (8 USC 1184)

**J-1 Visa Students:** A J-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant exchange student who has come to the United States to study for a specific period of time under the sponsorship of a government approved agency. (8 USC 1184)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

Nonimmigrant foreign students may be admitted to the United States for a temporary stay for the purpose of study.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

**F-1 Visa Students**

On a case-by-case basis, students with or seeking an F-1 visa designation shall be accepted for admission to district schools in grades 9-12.

In determining whether to admit the student, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether the following conditions exist: (8 CFR 214.3, 22 CFR 41.61)

1. A suitable program exists at the school the student has selected
2. The student's English proficiency is sufficient for successful study at that school
3. Space is available
4. The student has provided proof of financial responsibility

In addition, the student shall also submit evidence that he/she has been fully immunized in accordance with California law.

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

A student shall be admitted for a maximum of one year. In addition, a student granted admission under this program shall pay the district the full, unsubsidized per-student cost of attendance at the secondary school. (8 USC 1184)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
8050-48054 Nonresidents
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8
1184 Foreign students
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
214.3 Petition for school approval
214.4 Withdrawal of school approval
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
41.61 Students; academic and nonacademic
Management Resources:

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