

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all exchange student applications in a given year.

I. Selection of foreign exchange students:

- A. Each foreign exchange student shall be represented by a bona fide organization recognized in the Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs or other organizations recognized by the school board. There shall be a reciprocal provision whereby a student of the district shall be able to enroll in a foreign school under essentially the same conditions as a foreign student may enroll in a district school.
- B. Sponsoring organizations are responsible for taking care of all student procedures and documents required by Federal and State government.
- C. The organization representing the foreign student shall establish to the satisfaction of the school board that an adult in this district has the authority to act in Loco Parentis. The adult supervisor must be financially and otherwise responsible.
- D. The district must receive application by June 1 preceding the enrollment school year. Students with J-1 or F-1 visas must enroll at D.C. Everest Senior High School by completing a district registration form, even prior to the arrival of the student if necessary to meet deadlines. Please note that to enroll the student you must know the student's name, grade level, host family address and country of origin.
- E. In addition to students from our partner schools, there will be a maximum of six foreign exchange students at the High School in a school year. The maximum number of students from any approved organization will be two.

II. Guidelines for placement of exchange students:

- A. The student must satisfy the same age and other general requirements of citizen students attending D.C. Everest Senior High School.
- B. The student must provide a transcript prior to the time the student is to start school.
- C. The student must have been in good academic standing in his/her native country and must have been screened for maturity and the ability to get maximum benefit from an exchange program.
- D. The student must possess a functional speaking and written understanding of the English language.
- E. The student will be entered only at the beginning of a semester and for a minimum of one (1) semester of attendance.

III. In cases where students are enrolled for the sole purpose of receiving an education, tuition fees will be charged. Holders of F-1 (student) visas do not qualify as residents and must make arrangements with the Assistant Superintendent, Business/Personnel for tuition payment. An F-1 student residing with a blood relative who is a legal guardian and a resident of the school district shall be considered a resident student for tuition purposes. The student must be a holder of a J-1 visa (exchange visitor) in order to attend D.C. Everest Senior High School without paying tuition.

IV. Guidelines for an exchange student:

- A. The student will become part of the student body upon formal enrollment and will be treated as any other student with the privileges and responsibilities of attending high school.
- B. The local program representative or host family must provide the school with the following information concerning the student:
 - 1. Insurance (medical and accident coverage);
 - 2. Permission to participate in activities and athletics (if desired);
 - 3. Physical examination form and immunization record;
 - 4. Other requested information.
- C. The student is expected to abide by all policies, rules and regulations of the school district.
- D. The student will be allowed to participate in extra curricular activities and athletics. Eligibility requirements of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), district athletic code and rules of the organization will be followed.

- E. The student, host family and/or organization will be expected to pay all normal school expenses. This includes lunches, book rental, tickets for activities, yearbooks, rings, graduation expenses (if seniors) and any other regular student expenses. The student can apply for free or reduced price lunches under the federal school lunch program only if the host family's income level meets the established guidelines.
- F. It is recommended that students making application should not have graduated from high school. Students who have graduated from high school or who do not meet graduation requirements will not receive a diploma from D.C. Everest Senior High School but may participate in the graduation ceremony. A foreign exchange student who enters D.C. Everest Senior High School as a senior and who completes one full year of satisfactory work may receive a foreign exchange student diploma. The D.C. Everest Area School District does not grant an official diploma to foreign exchange students.
- G. The school district reserves the right to terminate a foreign student's enrollment when in its judgment the student's continued enrollment would be detrimental to the foreign student, other students and/or school personnel.
- H. Foreign students living with their legal parent or guardian in the district shall not be considered under this policy.
- I. Teachers and community organizations are encouraged to use the talents and knowledge of the foreign exchange student. Scheduling, however, should be done through the principal, and/or his/her designee, so as to not detract from the student's individual learning.
- J. The student is expected to abide by all policies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service when in this country.

LEGAL REF: Sec. 121.84(1)(c) Wisconsin Statutes

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