JFABB Admission of Exchange and Foreign International Students

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for admission of exchange and foreign students.

The board believes that participation in a well planned and executed program of student exchange can be a worthwhile cultural experience for the students involved and for the community at large. The board, therefore, will consider the admission of non-immigrant students to the district provided the provisions of this policy have been met.

Sponsoring Group

The exchange student must be sponsored by an adult, civic or community organization located within the school district and must attend the school that serves his/her residence.

The sponsoring organization must petition the board or the board's designee for recognition and to obtain the district's willingness to participate in the organization's program of student exchange. Said petition should come before the district at least four months prior to the time the board will be asked to consider the admission of a student from the program.

The sponsoring group must be on the Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs and must be able to demonstrate the following:

- Appropriate screening of potential exchange students takes place.
- Placement of students in the homes of responsible adults in our community is assured.
- Adequate medical coverage is guaranteed the exchange student.
- Medical and emergency types of travel are available to the student at no charge to the student or the family with whom the student resides.

Accepted sponsoring organizations wishing to enroll an exchange student in the schools in the district must notify and make preliminary plans with the respective school administration at least two months prior to the time the student is to start school and prior to the student arriving in the district.

The placement of exchange students in the same school at any one time is limited to two per agency unless the school quota has not been reached. Students are accepted on a first come, first served basis until the school quota is reached. Placements will be finalized prior to the beginning of the school year.
Applications from accepted exchange programs by sponsoring groups will be reviewed by the superintendent or his/her designee prior to student recommendations to insure continued compliance with the provisions of this policy and that the most appropriate students will be selected.

Because of the limited time exchange students spend in a particular school, the district does not award high school diplomas to these students. Therefore, seniors are not eligible to participate in the student exchange program. The district, based on the limited time exchange students spend in a particular school, will not award high school diplomas to these students. All credit for courses taken by exchange students will need to be evaluated by the student's home school as to whether it applies toward their graduation requirements.

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