

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that personal contact between students of different countries and cultures promotes global awareness and international understanding. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international students and further encourages district students to take any 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.

International Student Programs

J-1 Visa Students: To enroll in a district school, an international exchange student must be participating in an exchange program registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the U.S. Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

F-1 Visa Students: To enroll in a district school, the international students must satisfy the following district admissions criteria:

- a. Good academic and behavior standing;
- b. Approved immunization;
- c. English proficiency; and
- d. Financial responsibility.

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

The district shall not incur any financial obligations when sending and/or receiving international students. Program or individual sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for all financial costs, health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international students in selecting classes and co-curricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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