Students

Foreign Exchange Students

The Board encourages international studies. To that end, it allows foreign exchange students on one year J-I visas, who are residing with families in New Fairfield to enroll on a non-tuition basis in the local schools. Students who apply must not have the equivalent of a high school diploma from a foreign school system. Students who are accepted and placed in grade 12 will only receive a Certificate of Attendance. Further, they must meet those criteria established by the administration in the areas of language competency, residency, and deportment. Only foreign exchange students sponsored by organizations screened by the administration will be accepted. The Principal will have ultimate discretion regarding the admission of foreign exchange students.

Students entering the United States on F-I visas, may enter the local school system, only upon payment of the full, unsubsidized public education costs before entering the United States. Further, students on F-I visas may remain in the United States for no more than twelve (12) months. The local district is prohibited by law, from waiving the tuition fee of students on F-I visas.

The Board of Education has ultimate authority over students with F-1 visas.

Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law. Once admitted, exchange students become subject to all District policies and regulations governing students.

Exchange students will be encouraged to participate in all student activities and will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided academic requirements and Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) criteria are met.

Legal Reference: Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996

Connecticut General Statutes

10-27 International studies, exchange programs. Advisory committee. (amended by PA 04-153, An Act Encouraging International Students Programs)

Policy adopted: February 7, 2002

Policy revised: June 16, 2005

Students

Foreign Exchange Students

In order for a foreign exchange student to be eligible for enrollment in the New Fairfield Public Schools, the following criteria must be met:

A. The student may not be a graduate of the school system in the country in which he/she is a native.

B. The student must be sufficiently fluent in English so that he/she would not require any special services such as ESL.

C. The application for admission must be reviewed by the appropriate school administrator before July 1 of the school year for which the student wishes to enroll.

D. The school must have room for the student and be able to accommodate him/her without incurring additional costs or burden.

E. The student may not be enrolled more than one year.

F. The student is not eligible to receive a diploma but can receive a Certificate of Attendance.

G. The student may be eligible to play sports if he/she meets the CIAC criteria.

H. If the student is not participating in and attending the school program or is disruptive to the smooth and efficient operation of the school, the student may be disenrolled.

I. This program is designed for foreign students who enter the country on one-year J-I visas through established exchange programs such as Youth for Understanding, American Field Service and Rotary.

Note: Students entering the United States on F-I visas may attend schools in the district only upon full payment of tuition before entering the United States. This tuition fee may not be waived due to federal legislation.

Regulation approved: February 7, 2002

Regulation reapproved: June 16, 2005