



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On June 20, 2022, the Aledo ISD School Board approved to file a three-year waiver with TEA to limit the annual number of foreign exchange students to seven based on the following reasons.
 - Some foreign exchange students are lacking the foundation in English needed to be successful.
 - This creates a financial or staffing hardship for the district.
 - This requires domestic students to compete with foreign exchange students for educational resources.
- Foreign exchange students are required to take End-of-Course (EOC) exams in all courses in which they are enrolled and where an EOC test is given. Exchange student scores will be applied to the District's accountability rating.
- Annually, foreign exchange student programs promote Aledo ISD as an option for placing students from other countries. Aledo ISD acknowledges and appreciates that foreign exchange student programs offer valuable enrichment experiences for the foreign exchange students, as well as the students in our district. Administration wants to ensure that all students continue to benefit from the cultural experiences that are gleaned from foreign exchange student programs while providing the most successful academic experience for all students enrolled in Aledo ISD.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

There are no fiscal implications.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends the approval for Aledo ISD to seek a three-year TEA waiver that would limit the enrollment of foreign exchange students to seven students for each academic school year.