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## Instruction

## **Travel and Exchange Programs**

## Foreign Exchange Students attending Bristol Schools

It is the position of the Bristol Board of Education that international, non-resident students who wish to study in one of our high schools will make a request of the Superintendent. If the placement is approved, the student's family would be expected to pay the tuition rate established for the district, at the conclusion of the prior year. In addition, should the student require specialized services, a tuition assessment would be in addition to the regular education tuition rate.

The process of application shall include the following:

1. A letter stating that said student wants to attend a Bristol high school for one academic year sent by April 1 of the year prior to attendance.

2. A statement from a physician indicating the student is compliant with all immunization and physical requirements.

3. A transcript from the high school the student attended with verification that the student does not require English as a second language services.

The student will be notified in writing no later than one (1) month after the Superintendent receives the application materials.

## **Bristol Students Participating in Foreign Exchange Programs**

Any Bristol student planning on going to a foreign country as an exchange student, shall, prior to leaving, request permission from the school principal to have course work completed in the foreign country applied to his/her Bristol High School educational record. The principal shall notify the Superintendent who in turn will notify the Board of Education of the decision.

If permission is granted, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. If a student attends school for a full year and instruction is not conducted in English, the student must present a transcript from the school upon his/her return, at which time a maximum of five (5) credits may be awarded for the total experience. Such programs will require the approval of the Superintendent prior to the student's departure. The application of these credits toward the specific area requirements for graduation shall be subject to the review of the high school principal whose decision in such cases shall be final.

2. If a student attends school in an English speaking country, the student must present a transcript from the school upon his/her return. The transcript will be evaluated in terms of credit to be granted by the Bristol High School principal. The decision of the high school principal in such cases shall be final.

(cf.<u>6146</u> - Graduation Requirements)

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