

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy 422.1

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

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Selection:

The Unity School District shall permit foreign exchange students, at the discretion of the high school principal and space requirements, to attend Unity High School. Foreign exchange students attending under the auspices of an accredited Foreign Exchange program or living with families in the District on a private agreement made by their parents/guardians may attend up to one (1) year. Students must plan to enroll in school for at least the fall semester.

Requests for foreign exchange students to attend Unity High School must be made in writing to the High School Principal. The Principal and Guidance Counselor shall review the application(s) of each foreign exchange student. In order to be approved, the sponsor and student must comply with the criteria stated in this policy and with other national, state or local regulations that may pertain to foreign exchange student programs. Foreign Exchange Program Agreements require the approval of the District Administrator.

Applications, including student academic records, from foreign exchange students must be received by the building Principal by August 25 of the enrollment school year. Applications must include a copy of the student's transcripts, grade reports, health records and other documents as determined from these programs. Students must still be enrolled in high school in their home country. Students who have graduated will not be accepted.

Health, Accident and Liability Insurance:

The sponsoring organization or family shall be responsible for ensuring the foreign exchange student selected to attend the District has appropriated medical insurance.

Placement of Students with Host Families:

Home placement must be made before the student's arrival in the United States. Non-compliance with this regulation may result in immediate suspension or revocation of exchange student program designation. The sponsor, with the support of the building Principal, must assume the responsibility of resolving problems including, if necessary, the changing of host families and early return of the exchange student to his/her native country in the case of personal or family difficulties.

Grade Placement:

Student(s) placed in the 12th grade must meet District credit requirements. It shall be the foreign exchange service/program or the student responsibility to provide the District documentation translated into English. Documentation must provide a clear and concise number of credits/hours for each class with the corresponding dates of participation

Athletic Participation:

Foreign exchange students will be governed under the regulations set down by the WIAA and its constitution and bylaws.

Graduation Policy:

Student(s) placed in the 12th grade must attend 2 complete semesters to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students must meet the District credit requirements (26). Students meeting this criteria may receive a diploma.

Legal Reference: Section 121.84(1)(c) WI statutes

