

## FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **Purpose**

In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange and international students into district schools.

### **Authority**

The Board shall accept foreign exchange and international students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.

J-1 Visa: The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.

The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.

F-1 Visa: The Board shall accept exchange students on an F-1 Visa. Students on a F-1 Visa will be required to pay tuition

If the host family resides outside of the Fox Chapel Area, an application will only be considered after all requests from Fox Chapel Area host families have been reviewed in accordance with the guidelines outlined for F-1 Visa students.

If the host family resides outside of the Fox Chapel Area, transportation will be the responsibility of the host family.

Should the F-1 Visa student need additional services, such as ESL and/or Special Education,

those services will be added to the tuition payment, as needed.

The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange and international students applying for admission to district schools.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) and/or the Designated School Official (DSO) of the high school preceding the school year of attendance.

### **Guidelines**

Foreign exchange and international students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange and international students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.[1]

Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. J-1 Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in English. F-1 (tuition) students may apply for acceptance and attend as early as 9th grade.
2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school.
3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.
4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student in accordance with the application/registration process.
5. Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided eligibility criteria are met.
6. Students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma.
7. Exchange organization and/or international tuition students shall agree to pay the costs of the English Language Development Program provided to the exchange student by the district.

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1. Pol. 203

[22 PA Code 4.74](#)

[8 U.S.C. 1101](#)

[22 CFR Part 62](#)

[239-AR Foreign Exchange Student or Host Organization Application Form.pdf \(52 KB\)](#)

[239-AR-1 SEVIS Student Application .pdf \(147 KB\)](#)

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