

Students

International Student Exchange

The Board recognizes the value of student exchange programs and/or the hosting of qualified international students. Such experiences provide international exchange students with a balanced understanding of our country and provide U.S. students with a broad world perspective.

The district will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all student in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

Students visiting our state for a short stay (B-2 visa), such as a vacation or visit with friends or family, may not enroll in school in the district. However, with prior written permission from the school, these students may visit classrooms and attend school-sponsored events.

International exchange students who come to the U.S. for a long-term visit (J-1) with the intention of attending school may register to attend school in the district through a recognized international exchange program. Programs presenting applications will be authorized by the US Department of State to issue a DS-2019 form in support of securing a J-1 Visa. The District will not issue an I-20 form for an international student to secure an F-1 Visa.

The district will admit such international exchange students when admission does not adversely impact the instructional program of the district.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to develop procedures, including but not limited to the number of international exchange students the district will admit, selection of international exchange organizations, timing of placement process, district expectations of international exchange organizations, school expectations for international exchange students and school responsibilities.

Legal References: Chapter 19.166 RCW International Student Exchange
RCW 28A.300.240 International Student Exchange

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