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International Education

The Governing Board recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promoting global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students in district schools and encourages district students to take advantage of opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

The Board supports international programs that meet established criteria by the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) in alignment with the California Regulations for International Student Exchange Programs by welcoming the enrollment of participating international exchange students from approved programs.

All International Education students accepted into the district shall be minors and will be placed at the appropriate grade level based upon guidance staff evaluation of student records.

District Students Studying in Another Country

Guidance staff shall provide relevant educational planning to district students who wish to study for up to one year in an international country while continuing to complete district diploma requirements. The planning conference shall take place and be chaired by the an Assistant Principal and includes family parent/guardian, guidance staff, and the student and shall result in a written contract with copies for all parties. To receive transfer credit for the time in studying abroad, a student returning to the district must meet all requirements of the written educational contract and provide official evidence of academic progress from an international high school qualified to grant a diploma.

Credit for courses successfully completed in the international country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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International Exchange Students in District Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain from the International Student Exchange Program (ISEPO) a description of the services to be performed by the ISEPO for the student, host family, and the district; telephone numbers that the student, host family, or district may contact for assistance; and a summary of the student's complete prior academic coursework completed.

The district may require additional documents which may include, but are not limited to, evidence that the student has health and accident insurance from the time of departure from home to the time the student returns to the home country.

The number of students from international exchange programs may be limited to ensure that the school(s) will not be overcrowded. The Superintendent or designee may further limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall not incur any financial obligation when educating international exchange students. An international student, or the ISEPO on behalf of the student, shall reimburse the district for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at a district school for the period of the visiting student's attendance.

In determining the tuition for international exchange students, the district shall calculate the total cost of educating the student, including, but not limited to, the amount expended per student for the current provision of instruction and services, the use of buildings and equipment, the repayment of local bonds and interest payments and state building loan funds, capital outlay, and transportation to and from school.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
- 35185 Miscellaneous administrative authority
- 48052 Nonresidents
- 48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment

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51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

87100 General prohibition, conflict of interest

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

350-384 California Uniform Supervision of International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

214.2 Students in academic high schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Public Law 104-208, Provisions for Foreign Students on Student Visas

RESOURCES

Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, Alexandria, VA

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