

Wilson Area School District

Foreign Exchange Students

Purpose	<p>In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into the schools of the district.</p>
Authority 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101	<p>The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.</p> <p>The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in state department approved group-sponsored exchange programs which are also locally approved by the Board. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition, except costs of ESL services should those be required and any costs associated with appropriate certification by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.</p> <p>The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students from approved reputable programs on an F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition and costs of ESL services in advance, as well as costs associated with certification for ICE approval, at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The required I-20 form will not be issued without full payment of tuition. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools, and to refuse students whose English language skills are poor or who fail to provide appropriate ICE certification.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to district schools.</p> <p>All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance.</p>
Guidelines	<p>Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall</p>

be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students. This includes the appropriate registration with SEVIS for ICE certification. Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in English.
- Students may not be a graduate of their native school system.
- Students will be considered for admittance on a space-available basis.
- Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.
- Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma but may be awarded an honorary diploma.
- Payment for and successful completion of SEVIS registration.
(cost is \$600)