

Greene County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in June	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Foreign Exchange Students</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.502	Issued Date: 09/22/16
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1 Any foreign student is eligible for acceptance into the foreign exchange student program, provided s/he is
 2 participating through any agency endorsed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and
 3 is sponsored by an individual or organization and has a J-1 visa.¹ The student must be registered on the Student
 4 Exchange Visitor Information System. Before approval by the Board, the exchange program representative
 5 must make written application on behalf of the student in the local school serving the host family. No foreign
 6 exchange student shall be brought into the United States by the sponsor unless s/he has been accepted **in writing**
 7 as a student by the director of schools/designee of the school in which s/he is to be enrolled. The school may
 8 accept the student after determining the following:
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- 10 1. The student will have a sufficient command of the English language to enable him or her
 11 to participate in the general curriculum;
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- 13 2. Appropriate curriculum offerings can be provided for the student; and
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- 15 3. An overcrowded situation will not be further aggravated.
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17 Prior to enrolling a foreign student, the principal or designee shall require, in addition to a valid student visa, the
 18 following documentation:
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- 20 1. Citizenship;
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- 22 2. Birthdate;
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- 24 3. Health/immigration records;
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- 26 4. Custody (including phone number, name and address of person responsible for the student); and
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- 28 5. School records, including a transcript of academics (in English).
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30 Admission requirements and all other considerations and expectations shall be the same for foreign students as
 31 for United States students. Students will be accepted only in grades 9-12. No more than five foreign students
 32 shall be placed in one school. The student must be between 15 and 18 years 6 months of age and cannot have
 33 completed more than eleven (11) years of primary and secondary education.

1 Students must have had acceptable academic achievement in their native countries and must have been screened
2 for maturity and ability to get the maximum benefit from an exchange program. Exchange students must have an
3 adequate command of the English language and be able to function without special assistance in regular classes.
4 The principal shall be responsible for assignment to the appropriate grade level. The student must enroll for at
5 least one semester and no more than one school year.
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7 Each school shall designate a faculty member as a student representative to serve as a liaison between the school
8 and exchange program agency and as an adviser to exchange students.
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10 The sponsoring individual/organization shall provide evidence to the school that the student will receive adequate
11 financial support for the duration of his/her stay. Schools shall not hold fund-raising events to pay expenses
12 incurred by exchange students.
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14 Privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 visa may be enrolled if an adult resident of the district has
15 temporary guardianship and the student lives in the home of that guardian. Exchange students on an F-1 visa are
16 required to pay tuition at the established district rate. F-1 visa student admission is limited to secondary schools
17 and attendance may not exceed twelve (12) months.²
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19 The exchange program representative must make contact monthly with the school as required by the State
20 Department. This may include in-person visits to the school, phone calls, or emails. However, the initial
21 enrollment of the student must be in person by the program representative. The host family should also be present
22 at the time of enrollment.
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24 Upon completion of the student's term at the school, the exchange program representative shall report to the school
25 in person to withdraw the student. Supporting documentation of the student's transfer to a school in his/her home
26 country shall be submitted to the guidance office as required by state guidelines for graduation cohorts.

Legal References

1. 22 CFR § 62.25
2. Immigration and Nationality Act § 214 (3)(m)(1)
3. 22 CFR § 514.2 & .4

Cross References

School Admissions 6.203
Physical Examinations and Immunizations 6.402