

## International Exchange

The district is supportive of and participates in recognized student international exchange programs which meet the following criteria:

1. The organization shall be a nonprofit organization registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the US Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

### Admission

1. In order to approve the admission of an international exchange student, the Superintendent or designee must receive a written request for enrollment before the end of the preceding school year. Enrollment shall be for one year only.

~~2. No students will be accepted who have entered the United States assigned to a temporary home. This includes international exchange students placed with families in any surrounding districts and was subsequently redirected to the Mountain View Los Altos High School District. International students from other districts will not have transfer requests approved into our district.~~ MVL A will only allow students into our district who live with a host family who reside within our district.

3. The sponsoring organization shall have a Northern California representative (within 150 miles of the district) to provide direct assistance to students, parents, and school officials.

4. The organization shall be responsible for securing a J-1 visa for the prospective student.

5. The sponsor shall provide written verification of appropriate host family (or families if the student splits their time between two host families that year) placement for the academic year.

6. No more than ~~one~~ two international students shall be placed with ~~any one~~ anyone host family at any one time.

7. The district will determine international exchange students' acceptance based on school capacity. School of the assignment will be determined by the residency of the sponsoring family or by student enrollment capacity.

8. To ensure ~~that district facilities~~ that district facility will not be overcrowded, the district reserves the right to refuse admission to any or all international exchange students to a school at ~~over capacity~~ overcapacity. Student/sponsor may request placement to another school within the district upon approval of the Superintendent/designee.

9. International exchange students will only be eligible to enroll in classes that will not displace district students.

10. The sponsoring organization shall screen and only recommend students who will be successful in the district's high schools.

a. The student shall be between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age

b. The student shall be a current secondary student and have not completed their senior year in their home country

c. The student shall be fluent in communicating in English (reading, writing and speaking). No language assistance will be provided.

d. The student shall meet state and district immunization requirements

(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

#### Athletics

International exchange students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic sports in accordance with state bylaws of the California Interscholastic Federation as well as applicable section bylaws.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

#### Discipline

International exchange students shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the school and may be disciplined in the same manner as other district students.

#### Attendance

International exchange students are required to follow the compulsory attendance laws of the state and the district.

#### Transcripts and Diplomas

The district will not translate or analyze foreign transcripts of students participating in an international exchange program.

Upon completion of the exchange program, international exchange students may request a transcript which lists those courses taken at the high school within the district.

International exchange students may be considered for a diploma if they have satisfactorily completed the district's graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

International exchange students who are not eligible for a regular diploma may receive an honorary diploma, provided they have completed at least one semester of full-time enrollment and achieved at least a 2.0 grade point average.

International exchange students may participate in end-of-year senior activities at the discretion of the site administration.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

At the discretion of the principal or designee, international exchange students who do not meet requirements for a regular or an honorary diploma may, at the end of their visit, be given a letter certifying the time period for which they were enrolled.

#### District Students Enrolling in International Exchange Programs

To avoid any misunderstanding, a student wishing to enroll in an international study program shall review his/her academic standing with his/her counselor and discuss all academic implications of such international study. The International Exchange Student Graduation Worksheet (Exhibit) shall be completed and signed by student, parent, and counselor before the student begins the international study program.

The school/district will not be responsible for students who elect not to notify their counselor or site administrator

#### Transfer of Credits Earned by District Students While Participating in an International Exchange Program

District students, who seek graduation credits for academic work completed in an international exchange program, must provide the Superintendent or designee with official transcripts, translated into English, which include:

1. A brief description in English, of each course's content and the amount of class time (minutes per session) and the number of class meetings per week.
2. A written evaluation, in English, of each course, which states whether or not the student successfully met the requirements of the course.
3. A descriptive or numerical evaluation of the student's academic performance.

Based upon these narrative reports, the Superintendent or designee will determine the number of credits to award for each course and the graduation requirements fulfilled. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may assign pass or fail grades whenever the above transcript provides descriptive evaluations rather than letter or numerical grades.

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