

FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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The organization must submit applications to the building principal (or designee) no later than May 1st of the previous school year.

A maximum of one (1) foreign exchange student will be placed at each school per year.

Foreign exchange students who wish to attend a Community High School District 155 school must follow the application procedures. In addition, the building principal (or designee) will approve students based on the following:

Requirements of Foreign Exchange Students for Enrollment:

- Students must be 17-18 years of age and a senior who anticipates graduating May/June from their home school.
- Students must have excellent academic and disciplinary standing in his/her current high school (upper 25% of class).
- Students must meet all health requirements (proof of freshmen physical, immunizations, etc.).
- Students are responsible to pay enrollment fees and are not eligible to be considered for fee waivers and the national school nutrition program.
- Students should be proficient in the English language and be able to participate in regular/advanced level classes.
 - Accepted English proficiency tests and minimum scores accepted:
 - TOEFL - 110
 - Cambridge - 180
 - GER - C1 (Proficient)
 - ELTIS - 223
- Students must possess the emotional maturity required to participate in an exchange program.
- Students must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of D155 and applicable health authorities, including directives related to COVID-19.

The principal (or designee) should have an opportunity to evaluate and approve each student exchange application which is submitted prior to the May 1st deadline.

Exchange student's transcript shall not be reviewed or evaluated for graduation requirements and neither credits nor a transcript will be issued when the student departs from a District 155 high school. If requested, the school may issue a report card indicating courses taken on a pass/no credit basis.

Additional Consideration for Enrollment of Foreign Exchange Students:

- Each exchange student is encouraged to be hosted by a family with a student who currently attends the high school.
- Students enroll in the Foreign Exchange program for cultural enhancement. Thus, exchange students should be encouraged to take coursework in which they can learn about the history, government, and literature of the United States.

Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Students During the School Year:

- Students are expected to attain passing grades by the end of their first semester of attendance and should remain in good academic standing while enrolled in the program.
- Students may experience senior-related activities based upon their academic and disciplinary standing.
- This may include participation in graduation exercises, limited to awarding of a certificate of attendance.
- Exchange student participation in competitive athletics and/or activities will be governed by IHSA eligibility rules and procedures.
- Exchange students are subject to all D155 rules and requirements, including student conduct and protocols related to health and safety (including quarantine, isolation, remote education, other COVID-19 mitigations, and other educational options as deemed necessary by the school district).

Student enrollment in the exchange program is subject to review at any time. District 155 reserves the right to terminate enrollment in the program for academic failure or for violation of the discipline policies of the host school and District 155.