

Oshkosh Area School District Bylaws & Policies

5114 - FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, NONIMMIGRANT STUDENTS, AND VISITOR PROGRAM

The board of education recognizes the positive cultural benefits to the students, staff, and the community in meeting students from other countries and in having exchange students as members of the student body of this district's high schools.

An exchange visitor student is a foreign national who has been selected by a sponsor that has been approved by the United States Department of State (USDOS) to participate in an exchange visitor program and who is seeking to enter or has entered the United States temporarily on a J-1 visa.

Foreign exchange students and/or any sponsoring foreign exchange program shall not apply directly to any district high school or charter school without prior approval of the superintendent. Such foreign exchange programs must be listed in the most current Council on Standards for International Exchange Travel (CSIET) Advisory List (www.csiet.org).

Exchange Visitor Program for Nonimmigrant Students with J-1 Visas

The board authorizes the superintendent to consider a request to admit an exchange visitor student who meets the USDOS requirements and applies for admission through a sponsoring organization, and to determine whether or not that student should be accepted.

In accordance with federal law, an exchange visitor student will be selected and sponsored by an organization that has been approved by the USDOS. The board, pursuant to federal law, requires the sponsoring agency to secure prior written acceptance of the superintendent for the placement of an exchange visitor student in any district high school.

After written acceptance of school placement is secured, the sponsoring agency should issue the certificate of eligibility for J-1 Visas to the exchange visitor student who meets the criteria established in federal law for participation in an EVP.

Pursuant to federal law, the sponsoring agency is also responsible for selecting a host family who resides in the district for each exchange visitor student.

Lastly, pursuant to federal law, no more than five (5) foreign exchange students with J-1 Visas shall be admitted annually each to Oshkosh North High School and Oshkosh West High School on a tuition-free basis.

All other nonimmigrant students with citizenship in countries other than the United States who seek to enroll in the District's schools are subject to State law and the District's policies regarding enrollment and, if applicable, tuition.

8 C.F.R. 214 et seq.

8 U.S.C. 1101 (Immigration Reform and Control Act)

121.84(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended
Immigration and Nationality Act

22 C.F.R. 62, Exchange Visitor Program

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