

Vallivue School District 139

This school district will allow foreign students and foreign exchange visitors to enroll at a district high school in accordance with this policy.

DEFINITIONS

“Foreign student” or “F-1 visa holder” means an alien having a residence in a foreign country which he or she has no intention of abandoning, who is a bona fide student qualified to pursue a full course of study and who seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of pursuing such a course of study at an established academic high school particularly designated by him or her and approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Secretary of Education.

“Foreign exchange visitor” or “J-1 visa holder” means an alien having a residence in a foreign country which he or she has no intention of abandoning who is a bona fide student, scholar, trainee, teacher, professor, research assistant, specialist, or leader in a field of specialized knowledge or skill, or other person of similar description, who is coming temporarily to the United States as a participant in a program designated by the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, for the purpose of teaching, instructing or lecturing, studying, observing, conducting research, consulting, demonstrating special skills, or receiving training. The terms “Foreign exchange visitor” or “J-1 visa holder” also include the spouse and minor children of any such alien if accompanying him or her or following to join him or her.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

Foreign students, pursuant to their “F-1 visa” status, will not be counted for the purpose of determining average daily attendance and will be required to reimburse the district for the costs of tuition.

Pursuant to their “J-1 visa” status, foreign exchange visitors will be counted for the purpose of determining average daily attendance and are not required to reimburse the district for the costs of tuition.

CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

A foreign student, “F-1 visa holder,” seeking to enroll in a high school in this district must meet the following conditions:

1. The sponsoring agency must be listed in the current National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP) Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs. Students must be sponsored by “not-for-profit” agencies, such as the Rotary International Exchange Program or the EF Educational Foundation for Foreign Study. If there are any problems with the application/approval process, the school district will

- follow-up directing with the sponsoring agency, which is responsible for notifying the student and host family of any problems.
2. The exchange student has a complete application recognized by the Board of Trustees, superintendent and building principal.
 3. The sponsoring agency has attached, with the application, all legal documents showing the prospective student's required forms for entry into the United States and a behavioral history of the student, for example, passports, visas, shot records, medical history, any allergies, three letters of references from community and school officials, and statements about how the students may fit into a new setting. Those examples are only guidelines and not meant to be the minimum. Documentation of English proficiency is required, and students must meet the following standards: Must score a 500 on the TOEFL; 4 or 5 on the Woodcock-Munoz, 4/3 or 5/3 on the LAS, or any other assessment as designated by the district, or we reserve the right to individually evaluate each student by means of personal interview or a written essay.
 4. The foreign exchange student will have had his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday prior to being accepted as a student. The student should not be older than the average senior. If this is not the case, a letter addressed to the Vallivue School Board of Trustees stating the reason/circumstances for special consideration of the age stipulation will be required from the sponsoring agency. The Board retains the right to accept or decline the request for special consideration and will notify the sponsoring agency in writing of the final decision.
 5. The exchange student must have a thorough understanding and follow the host family's expectations about proper behavior.
 6. The building principal has signed the appropriate entrance forms no later than his or her last working day in June of the school year preceding the school year in which the student is applying for enrollment. At the same time, the building principal will notify the sponsoring agency in writing of the final placement approval, with a copy being sent to the host family (if known to the district).
 7. Exchange students will be enrolled in the grade level that their home school indicates is appropriate. The student must start on the first day of the school of the first quarter of school and must stay until the last regular of attendance of the fourth quarter or end of the second semester. Students will not be enrolled mid-year. Only students enrolled as seniors will be considered and must be granted approval from the building principal to be able to participate in the graduation ceremonies. They will be presented a certificate of attendance in place of a diploma.
 8. Foreign exchange students are not allowed to drive a motor vehicle at any time, unless they have passed an approved driver training course and have acquired a State of Idaho driver's license.

- 9. A foreign exchange student may participate in the host high school athletic program providing the *Foreign Exchange Student Transfer Form* has been submitted and filed by the principal with IHSAA and approved by the executive director.
- 10. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring agency to be knowledgeable of and adhere to this policy for placing foreign exchange students in the Vallivue School District.
- 11. Only two students will be accepted at each of the Vallivue District high schools.

Foreign Students

To be considered for enrollment, foreign students should comply with the following criteria:

- 1. Have an official copy of your birth certificate.
- 2. Present an official copy of both academic and behavioral records from previously attended secondary school(s).
- 3. Present a legal document that states you are a legal resident of the United States of America and the State of Idaho.
- 4. Have met with the principal or his or her representative for an interview and approval of all required documents that may or may not lead to a recommendation of enrollment at Vallivue Schools by the Board of Trustees.
- 5. Exchange students will not be granted a diploma unless they have met all criteria for granting a diploma.
- 6. Exchange students may participate in the graduation ceremony and will receive a certificate of attendance (unless disciplinary action causes revocation of privileges).
- 7. Any major disciplinary or continuous minor disciplinary problems will result in the exchange student being checked out of school and referred to the sponsoring agency.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-506(1)

33-1001

IDAPA 08.02.03.105.03

Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996

Immigration and Nationality Act

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