STUDENTS

International Exchange Students

Procedures for the admission of international exchange students are as follows:

1. Eligible Sponsors

Any organization that has been approved by the U.S. Information Agency (U.S.I.A.) as having a teenager exchange-visitor program will be considered acceptable by the District, provided that:

- a. Appropriate screening of host families takes place, and
- b. A reliable area representative is available.
- c. The area representative meets with the District not later than June 15 to plan for the next year's exchange students.

2. Selection

- a. No organization sponsoring an international exchange student shall attempt to enroll the student without 1 month's prior notification to the school principal on a form provided by the District.
- b. The designated program sponsor is responsible for the selection of the American host family. A program sponsor representative must personally interview and visit the home of each host family before the family is permitted to receive an exchange student.
- c. In accordance with U.S.I.A. regulations, students must be notified by their sponsoring agency of their host/home placement at least 3 weeks prior to their departure to the United States.
- d. Sponsoring organizations must provide orientation to all international exchange students both before departure and upon arrival in the United States.

3. <u>Number of Students in Program</u>

While District policy allows for the acceptance of students from various programs, it may be necessary to limit the total number and type of students who will be accepted.

- a. The number of international exchange students will be limited to four per school and two per country from each program. The number may be further limited in the event of inadequate housing for students generally.
- b. Students must be between the ages of 16 and 19.

- c. The District has the right to reject or expel a student on the basis of:
 - 1. Lack of English competence;
 - 2. Sponsor's representative's failure to follow procedure; or
 - 3. Disciplinary action of student.

Reasons for rejection will be given in writing.

4. School Standards

- a. International exchange students must comply with the immunization laws of Washington State.
- b. International exchange students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the accepted standards for school performance and behavior.
- c. Students will attend a full schedule of classes.
- d. Students will observe rules of conduct in school and at school functions.
- e. Students will make an effort to tutor in the international language department when possible, to present special school programs when requested, and to take part in student government and activities within reasonable limits and with consideration of the student's ability and academic load.
- f. International exchange students will be permitted to receive honorary diplomas. They will be eligible to take part in all senior end-of-the-year activities.

5. Reports

Sponsors must furnish the U.S. Department of State with an annual report on their programs at the end of each year. A copy of this report shall be made available to the District upon request.

6. Sanction

The District shall have the right to deny enrollment to exchange students from sponsors or individual families who do not comply with these procedures.

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