INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The board recognizes the value of student cultural and academic exchanges. Such experiences provide international exchange programs and/or the hosting of qualified foreign students. Such programs with a balanced understanding of our country and provide U.S. students with a broad world perspective.

Students visiting our state for a short stay (B-2 visa), such as a vacation or visit with friends or family, may be approved when admission not enroll in school in the district. However, with prior written permission from the school, these students may visit classrooms and attend school-sponsored events.

International exchange students who come to the U.S. for a long-term visit (J-1 or F-1 visas) with the intention of anattending school may register to attend school in the district through a recognized international exchange student program or through the sponsorship of a school.

<u>The district will admit such international exchange students when admission</u> does not adversely impact the instructional program of the district. The superintendent is authorized to review and approve organizations, which propose to offer a foreign/domestic travel-study program.

The superintendent is directed to develop procedures, including but not limited to: criteria for program sponsors, the number of international exchange students the district will admit, selection of international exchange organizations, timing of placement process, district expectations of international exchange organizations, school expectations for international exchange students, school responsibilities of sponsors, enrollment standards including traffic safety courses, co-curricular participation, and graduation requirements and provisions for international exchange students with F-1 visas.

Legal References: Chapter 19.166 RCW International Student

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