

## **Instruction**

### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

The Governing Board recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promoting global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students in district schools and encourages district students to take advantage of opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

#### **District Students Studying in Another Country**

School counselors may provide information regarding international exchange programs and academic counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. Such counseling shall include a review of the student's completed coursework, academic achievement, and personal goals, and shall advise the student regarding requirements that the student must meet during attendance in the foreign school in order to maintain progress toward meeting district graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

#### **International Exchange Students in District Schools**

Before enrolling an international exchange student in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall request proof that the student is participating in an International Student Exchange Placement Organization (ISEPO) program registered with the California Attorney General's Office.

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain from the ISEPO a description of the services to be performed by the ISEPO for the student, host family, and the district; telephone numbers that the student, host family, or district may contact for assistance; and a summary of the student's complete prior academic coursework completed. (Government Code 12628; 22 CFR 62.25)

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The district shall not incur any financial obligations when educating international exchange students. An international student, or the ISEPO on behalf of the student, shall reimburse the district for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at a district school for the period of the visiting student's attendance and provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

In determining the tuition for international exchange students, the district shall calculate the total cost of educating the student, including, but not limited to, the amount expended per student for the current provision of instruction and services, the use of buildings and equipment, the repayment of local bonds and interest payments and state building loan funds, capital outlay, and transportation to and from school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and cocurricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards  
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts  
35185 Miscellaneous administrative authority  
48052 Nonresidents  
48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment  
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations  
87100 General prohibition, conflict of interest

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11350-384 California Uniform Supervision of International

Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

214.2 Students in academic high schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance Regarding International Student Exchange Placement Organizations, 2014

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Californian Office of the Attorney General,

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ISEPO: <https://oag.ca.gov/exchangestudents>

Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: <http://www.csiet.org>

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: <http://exchanges.state.gov>

U.S. Department of State, Exchange Visitor Program: <http://j1visa.state.gov/programs/secondary-school-student>

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <http://www.ice.gov>

## **International exchange**

### **Admission**

Prior to enrolling an international exchange student, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the International Student Exchange Placement Organization with written acceptance for the enrollment, including arrangements concerning the payment of tuition or the waiver of the tuition if applicable. (11 CCR 361; 22 CFR 62.25)  
(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

Enrollment shall be for one semester or one school year. (22 CFR 62.25)

All international exchange students shall meet state and district immunization requirements.  
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)  
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

### **Athletics**

International exchange students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic sports in accordance with state bylaws of the California Interscholastic Federation as well as applicable section bylaws.  
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)  
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

### **Diplomas**

International exchange students may be considered for a diploma if they have satisfactorily completed the district's graduation requirements.  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)  
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

International exchange students who are not eligible for a regular diploma may receive an honorary diploma, provided they have completed at least one semester of full-time enrollment and achieved at least a 2.0 grade point average.  
(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

International exchange students who do not meet requirements for a regular or an honorary diploma may, at the end of their visit, be given a certificate or a letter certifying the time period for which they were enrolled as well as a transcript documenting their completed coursework.