

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS

ADOPTED: June 7, 2005

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<p><i>Formerly Policy 202.2</i></p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 IRI RA</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">200.3. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS</p> <p>In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board may admit foreign exchange students into district schools.</p> <p>The Board may accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.</p> <p>The Board may accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Approved programs include those designated as achieving full status of the standards set forth by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be eligible for district English as a Second Language services.</p> <p>Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition nor shall the district be required to pay for tuition at a charter school. In addition, the district will not provide transportation to a charter school.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools based on availability and qualifying criteria.</p> <p>The organization or program representative shall secure approval for enrollment of the foreign student <i>prior</i> to proceeding with any other arrangements.</p> <p>All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by August 15 preceding the school year of attendance.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to district schools and recommending admission of students to the Board.</p>
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<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 203</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.74</p> <p>Pa. Code Title 22 Sec. 4.74</p> <p>8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p>	<p>Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.</p> <p>Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Documented proof shall be provided that the student is at least 16 years of age and may not be a graduate of their native school system.2. Documented proof shall be provided that the student is sufficiently fluent in English. English proficiency shall be documented through the results of a standardized test of English ability such as SLRP (Secondary Level English Proficiency), ELTIS (English Language Test for International Students), or similar exam.3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.5. Exchange students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided eligibility criteria are met.6. Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma but may be awarded an honorary diploma. <p><u>Foreign Visitors</u></p> <p>Any student visiting with a Southern Lehigh resident may visit any Southern Lehigh school at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, but may not enroll. A visit is defined as a short period of observation experiences with no component of registration.</p> <p>Renumbered 11/11/13</p>
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