

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Appleton Area School District recognizes the importance of international exchange for individual students as well as the school community. Requests for program recognition will be made through the Assistant Superintendent – School Services, who will review the request and present a recommendation to the Board of Education for approval. Only students sponsored by exchange programs included on the International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs advisory list developed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) will be considered for enrollment.

To facilitate these exchanges, no tuition charges will be levied for students who attend the Appleton Area Schools under the sponsorship of a Board approved student exchange organization.

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Procedures

Sponsoring Organizations

Organizations seeking approval from the Board of Education must be included on the International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs advisory list developed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). The Board of Education recognizes the following student exchange programs and has granted tuition free status to students who attend the Appleton Area School District schools under their sponsorship:

- ✓ Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (AFICE)
- ✓ Academic Year in the USA (AYUSA)
- ✓ AFS International
- ✓ American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
- ✓ American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE)
- ✓ ASPECT Foundation
- ✓ Center for Cultural Exchange
- ✓ Council for Educational Travel USA
- ✓ Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
- ✓ Cultural Home Stay International
- ✓ EF Foundation for Foreign Study
- ✓ Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA)
- ✓ German American Partnership Program (GAPP)
- ✓ International Student Exchange
- ✓ Into EdVentures
- ✓ Nacel Open Door Academic Year Program
- ✓ Northwest Student Exchange Program
- ✓ Program of Academic Exchange (PAX)
- ✓ Reflections International, Inc.
- ✓ Rotary International
- ✓ STS Foundation
- ✓ World Heritage International Student Exchange
- ✓ Youth for Understanding (YFU)

Student exchange programs not recognized by the Board of Education will apply to the Assistant Superintendent - School Services, who will review the program's components with the high school principals. Among the components to be reviewed are:

- the academic and English language proficiency requirements of the organization
- the location and responsibilities of the organization's contact person.
- the code of conduct guidelines established for students

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If the results of the program review are positive, the Assistant Superintendent - School Services will make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The recommendation will be for a school year trial period. Following an end of the year review completed by the same administrators, a recommendation for continuing recognition may be made to the Board of Education.

Failure of sponsoring organizations to abide by the guidelines stated in this policy may result in future nonparticipation in international exchange programs with the Appleton Area School District.

Admission of International Exchange Students

1. Complete informational packets requesting placement for the first semester of the school year must be received by June 30. Requests for second semester placements must be received by November 30. All requests shall be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent - School Services and reviewed with the High School Principal.
2. International exchange students must be placed by an organization approved by the Board of Education.
3. Sponsoring organizations are responsible for handling all student procedures and documents required by Federal and State government. A J1 visa allows the student tuition-free status. No other visa will be acceptable for nonresident, tuition-free status.
4. Placement will be for an entire academic school year.
5. Any organization placing an international student must have a local coordinator who serves as a liaison between the organization and the school(s). The coordinator must provide a copy of the organizational guidelines for the individual exchange program.
6. The Appleton Area School District reserves the right to limit the total number of international students for the year and the number from each country. The maximum placement for a recognized program will be three students (one in each high school) for an academic school year.

Students

1. Students who have graduated will not be accepted.
2. Students must demonstrate academic accomplishments and sufficient English speaking and writing skills that will allow them to be successful students without special tutoring assistance.
3. International exchange students must carry a full academic load.
4. The Appleton Area School District does not grant official diplomas to international exchange students.
5. The student, host family, and/or organization will be expected to pay all normal school expenses. These expenses would include matriculation, yearbook, activity, and participation fees.

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6. International exchange students accepted under this policy and these procedures shall be treated as resident students and will be expected to adhere to all rules and regulations of the school they attend. The Appleton Area School District reserves the right to terminate an international exchange student's enrollment when determined that the student's continued enrollment would be detrimental to the international student, other students, and/or school personnel.

Host Family Criteria

1. Host families will be selected and approved prior to acceptance of any exchange student.
2. The host family must reside within the Appleton Area School District or have a child/children currently attending a District school.
3. Placements with a single adult with no children living in the same household will not be permitted.
4. The Appleton Area School District reserves the right to accept/reject placement of an international exchange student based on the criteria stated herein.

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