

Foreign Exchange Students

It is the policy of the Board to recognize the benefits from non-immigrant students in the District. The Board does not, however, sponsor foreign exchange programs. The District does not provide any financial contributions to the student. The student is responsible for all fees. The Board assumes no responsibility for control over items such as travel, living accommodations, funding, insurance, etc., which remain the responsibility of the sponsoring program, host family and student.

J-1 visa holders (students sponsored by an approved foreign exchange organization) are eligible to attend secondary school.

F-1 visa holders (individual foreign students sponsored by relatives or friends) will not be permitted to attend Corvallis High School.

The Board may regulate the number of students participating, giving consideration to class size and facility limitations. If the number of foreign exchange students seeking to attend exceed 1% of CHS enrollment, board approval is required. The Board reserves the right to withdraw approval for attendance of a foreign exchange student.

1. Students must be between the ages of 16 and 18 years. Their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday must fall prior to September-10 of the year in which they are to attend CHS.
2. Students will only be accepted from approved programs.
3. Programs are approved at the discretion of the high school administration.
4. Approved programs must have a local coordinator who resides within Ravalli County and does not receive compensation for student placement. Approved programs must be approved by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel.
5. The local coordinator for the approved programs must contact the high school principal by May 1<sup>st</sup> with the number of students he/she will be sponsoring. The names of the students and the names of the host families must also be provided at this time. Acceptance of students after May 1 will be on a first come basis.
6. The exchange students will be evaluated by the teachers on the regular grading schedule unless the teacher opts to initiate a pass/fail system.

7. The exchange students who have less than senior status will receive a certificate of attendance at the spring awards assembly.
8. The exchange students who have senior status may take part in all senior activities including the graduation ceremony where they will receive only a certificate of attendance, not a diploma.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 221, et seq.

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