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DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

Participation by the District in student exchange programs shall be limited to nationally recognized foreign exchange programs, published in the most current advisory list by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). The appropriate representative of the local chapter shall submit the application(s) to the principal of the high school or designee for approval according to the requirements, which he or she may promulgate. The number of such students accepted for admission at the high school for any one regular school year shall be without regard to race, creed, or national origin. The representative from the local chapter shall make notification(s) of acceptance or rejection.

**ENROLLMENT PROCESS** 

To facilitate the enrollment process of students seeking to enroll in the District's school through a foreign exchange or education program, agency, or organization, the District requires the foreign student exchange program or educational exchange program to provide the necessary enrollment information to the District no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to enrolling.

NUMBER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The number of foreign exchange students accepted by each District high school shall be limited to five students per high school, in accordance with the waiver received from TEA. Students transferring into the District from foreign countries via a foreign student or educational exchange program, agency, or organization shall abide by all policies and procedures related to student transfer, admission, and progress adopted by the District.

**PROCEDURES** 

The transferee, his or her agent(s) or representative(s) shall comport with the following procedures, conditions, and exceptions for admission, transfer, and enrollment into the District:

- 1. Upon the transferee's request for admission, the transferee shall provide the District with:
  - a. A translated, certified, and legal copy of his or her parent's or legal guardian's consent enabling the host family to act on behalf of the transferee.
  - b. Translated, certified, and official copies of all student records, grades, transcripts, and coursework in the English language.

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- 2. Upon admission and prior to enrollment, the transferee shall provide:
  - a. A valid passport, United States Department of Immigration student visa, and health records of the transferee for the District's inspection and duplication.
  - b. A certified and legal copy of the transferee's parent's or legal guardian's Power of Attorney, appointing as attorney-in-fact an adult of at least 21 years of age with permanent residence within the geographical boundaries of the District, and providing this adult with authority to act for the transferee and make legal, education, and medical decisions on the transferee's behalf. The transferee shall live in the home of this adult while attending a school governed by the District. This section is applicable only to transferees who are 17 years old or younger at the time of admission.
- 3. Throughout the term of the transferee's admission and enrollment in a school within the District, the adult with authority to act for the transferee shall be available for and shall participate in school meetings and conferences regarding the status and/or progress of the transferee when requested by the principal, teacher, counselor, or other school professional designated by the principal.
- 4. The District may accept foreign exchange students from any foreign exchange student organization that meets the requirements of this policy and is on the most current advisory list of the CSIET.

**GRADUATION** 

Foreign exchange students may not graduate from District high schools.

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