

Code: **JECBA**
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Admission of Exchange Students

The district will accept exchange students from other nations who reside within the district as participants in an exchange program officially recognized by the Board.

Privately sponsored exchange students may be enrolled if an adult resident of the district has been given temporary guardianship and the student lives in the home of that guardian.

Exchange students must comply with immunization requirements set forth in state law. Once admitted, exchange students become subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Illegal Immigration and Immigration Reform Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101, 1221, 1252, 1324, 1363, 1367.

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students Administrative Regulation

Lincoln County School District (LCSD) recognizes the educational and cultural benefits derived with the placement of exchange students in our district's schools. These benefits accrue to the exchange student, the community, host family, and to the school/student population. However, no foreign exchange student program will be in conflict with, or at the expense of, the regular educational program.

Procedures for foreign exchange students requesting enrollment **and graduation** in the LCSD are as follows:

- A. Organizationally-sponsored J-1 exchange programs must be officially recognized by an organization specifically designated by the U.S. Information Agency (USIA).
- B. Foreign exchange students on J-1 visas must have sufficient command of the English language to function in a regular classroom. LCSD will not provide language acquisition or other student services to these students.
- C. All foreign exchange students will be responsible for all regular school fees and expenses.
- D. Foreign exchange students may apply to obtain a high school diploma, only if they communicate their intention within the first week of the start of school to the site administrator, fulfill all LCSD graduation requirements, and PASS all portions of the Nevada High School Proficiency exam.
 - Each student requesting consideration for graduation will provide in English, a detailed transcript from his or her home school which includes course descriptions, and seat time spent by the student achieving the credit. Credits will then be evaluated.
 - ii. At the option of the principal/counselor, the transcript of a foreign exchange student may be deemed deficient to qualify for graduation. To verify student credits, the student may be requested to obtain clarification from the home school and/or a transcript evaluation from an agency approved by the Nevada Commission on Professional Standards in Education to validate the student's

credits. Cost of the transcript evaluation will be the responsibility of the requesting student.

- iii. Any foreign exchange student who has not reached the age of 17 by graduation will not be granted a diploma without permission of LCSD.
- E. Organizations and students must report to and be compliant with LCSD appointed authorities on placement and procedures.
- F. Any student wishing to attend a second school year with a host family will be expected to pay tuition. The tuition will be at three fourths ($3/4$) the annual per pupil allocation the state provides to the district for each student.
- G. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible for any local scholarships or the Nevada Millennium Scholarship, unless the student attends a LCSD high school for a minimum of two (2) years.
- H. Foreign exchange students may be requested from time to time to make presentations to the Lincoln County School Board and/or their school of attendance.