

Students

SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that international students can add to the cultural diversity and enrichment of the School District and, therefore, enhance the school environment and the school community.

International students who possess a visa participating in an exchange program designated as an “Exchange-Visitor Program” by the United States Department of State will be admitted to the District's high school. The District retains the sole discretion to admit international students and to deny admission to any student not meeting all of the requirements set forth in this policy. The District may also terminate any approval of an exchange student program when the Board believes that it would be in the best interest of the District.

International students may be admitted to the District high school for a half year or one-year academic program. A written request to admit an international student must be submitted to the Superintendent who shall review the student’s file, along with the High School Principal, to determine that all requirements have been met.

- a) All international students seeking admission into the District must participate through a recognized exchange program approved by the Superintendent of Schools.
- b) All international students must be formally accepted into the District, in writing, by the Superintendent of Schools or designees prior to being brought into the District by an exchange program. The Superintendent shall consult with the Building Principal prior to acceptance or rejection of an application.
- c) International students will be allowed to attend school and will be provided bus transportation to and from school free of charge.
- d) The District will accept no more than six (6) international students in a school year.
- e) The District must be notified by the agency and approved by the district no later than August 1, preferably via student registration.
- f) International student sponsors must be New Paltz Central School District residents, as all students admitted to the New Paltz High School must reside within the New Paltz Central School District.

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International students must:

1. Have demonstrated sufficient scholastic achievement in his/her home school to indicate the possibility of success in the District school they will attend.
2. Ensure that their academic records and credentials are available to school officials in advance of the student's admission.
3. Speak English at an acceptable level.
4. Be in good health and an immunization record must be provided which indicates compliance with all New York State immunization requirements.
5. Have health and accident insurance in acceptable form to the District.
6. Enroll in the District on a full-time basis for one (1) semester or one (1) school year.
7. Agree to conform to the established acceptable behavior and conform to the rules and regulations of the School District.

An International student's enrollment in the School District may be terminated at any time by school officials for failure to abide by the established guidelines, including:

- a) Failing grades in two or more courses of study;
- b) Failure to conform to established rules and regulations;
- c) Failure to conform to the regulations established by the sponsoring organization; and/or
- d) Excessive absences.

International students will be treated as nearly as possible like any other student in the school, including grading, and will be encouraged and allowed to participate in all school activities and special events.

22 CFR Part 62 (Exchange Visitor Program) §62.25 (Secondary School Students)

8 CFR 214.2(j) (Special Requirements for Admission, Extension and Maintenance of Benefits for Exchange Aliens)

Education Law §§1709(13), 3202

Matter of Jones, 24 EDR 11,335 (1984)

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