

Concord School District Policy #516

Guidelines for Foreign Exchange

The Concord School District recognizes real benefits can accrue to the school society by allowing foreign students to attend Concord High School. The guidelines below are designed to ensure a reasonable limit to the number of students admitted in a given school year and to ensure a quality experience for those selected to attend.

1. In any given year, Concord High School may accept up to five foreign exchange students who are guests of Concord School District residents. Exceptions to the limitation of five can be made by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning October 1st of the school year preceding admission with no more than one applicant per sponsoring organization UNLESS the limit of five is not otherwise reached.
3. Application for enrollment must be made and accepted no later than May 1st for a subsequent September admission.
4. Applications should be made to the school principal or his/her designee.
5. Applicants residing in Concord must have a J-1 Visa signed by a school district official. Applicants residing in a sending school district must have a J-1 Visa signed by the respective Superintendent of Schools.
6. Applicants must meet state and district health requirements and must be sufficiently proficient in the use of the English language to actively participate in academic and social activities.
7. Accepted applicants are expected to carry a full academic schedule and to understand and abide by all school rules and regulations.
8. Accepted applicants will enjoy all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities accorded to all Concord High School students EXCEPT receipt of a Concord High School diploma. They may, if they choose, participate in a rite of recognition at the graduation ceremony.
9. If a foreign exchange student does not reside within the Concord School District and has been approved by the Concord and sending school districts to attend Concord High School, the sending community will be responsible for the appropriate tuition payment for that student.

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