

Maricopa Unified School District

Board Policy

Instruction

International Exchange

BP 6145.6

The Governing Board recognizes that personal contact between students of different countries and cultures promotes global awareness and international understanding. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students and further encourages district students to take any opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

International Student Exchange Programs

To enroll in a district school, an international exchange student must be participating in an exchange program registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the U.S. Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall not incur any financial obligations when sending and/or receiving international exchange students. Program sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and cocurricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: <http://www.csiet.org>

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs:

<http://exchanges.state.gov>

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <http://www.ice.gov>

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Admission

In order to approve the admission of an international exchange student, the Superintendent or designee must receive a written request for enrollment before the end of the preceding school year. Enrollment shall be for one year only.

(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

All international exchange students shall meet state and district immunization requirements.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

Athletics

International exchange students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic sports in accordance with state bylaws of the California Interscholastic Federation as well as applicable section bylaws.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Diplomas

International exchange students may be considered for a diploma if they have satisfactorily completed the district's graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

International exchange students who are not eligible for a regular diploma may receive an honorary diploma, provided they have completed at least one semester of full-time enrollment and achieved at least a 2.0 grade point average.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

At the discretion of the principal or designee, international exchange students who do not meet requirements for a regular or an honorary diploma may, at the end of their visit, be given a letter certifying the time period for which they were enrolled.

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