

Admission Of Nonresident Foreign Students

Definition

Nonimmigrant foreign students may attend high school in the district for a maximum of one year if they have been issued a F-1 visa.

F-1 Visa Application Procedures

Individuals assisting a foreign student with a F-1 visa must obtain an I-20 form from the Office of Student Services.

I-20 Form

This form certifies that the following conditions exist:

1. A suitable program exists at the school of residence.
2. The student's English proficiency is sufficient for successful study at that school.
3. Space is available (Board Policy 5116.1)
4. The student has provided proof of financial responsibility.
5. The student has submitted evidence that he/she is fully immunized in accordance with California law. Health Services or school nurse can verify evidence.
6. The student has confirmed payment of tuition to the district as determined by Fiscal Services.

Admission Period

Foreign students with F-1 visas must enroll at the beginning of a semester period. F-1 visa students arriving two weeks after the beginning of a semester period cannot be guaranteed placement in a regular comprehensive school.

Expected Student Behavior

Foreign Students with F-1 visas are expected to follow the same rules and regulations as all other students. There will be no refund of tuition for students who are expelled from the district. The student status will be reported to Immigration and Naturalization Services.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and expulsion, Due Process)

Diplomas

1. F-1 visa students will be considered for a regular diploma if they have satisfactorily completed all the following:

a. Met all district course requirements for high school graduation as evidenced by official transcripts from the student's native country in combination with the district transcript.

b. District proficiency tests and the high school exit exam

(cf. 6164.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

(cf. 5121.1 - District Credit for Transfers from Private Schools/Home Tutoring)

2. F-1 visa students who are not eligible for a regular diploma may receive an honorary diploma.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

3. At the discretion of the principal or designee, F-1 visa 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.

Refund of Tuition

F-1 visa students who have to return to their native country because of a family emergency or other extenuating circumstances may have their tuition refunded on a prorated basis, excluding administrative cost, as determine by the district's Fiscal Services Department.

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