

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 6145.6

International Exchanges

The Governing Board recognizes the value of interactions between students of different countries and cultures in promoting global awareness and international understanding in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students in district schools and encourages district students to take advantage of 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.

District Students Studying in Another Country

School counselors may provide information regarding international exchange programs and academic counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. Such counseling shall include a review of the student's completed coursework, academic achievement, and personal goals, and shall advise the student regarding requirements that the student must meet during attendance in the foreign school in order to maintain progress toward meeting district graduation requirements.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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)

International Exchange Students in District Schools

Before enrolling an international exchange student in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall request proof that the student is participating in an International Student Exchange Placement Organization (ISEPO) program registered with the California Attorney General's Office.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain from the ISEPO a description of the services to be performed by the ISEPO for the student, host family, and the district; telephone numbers that the student, host family, or district may contact for assistance; and a summary of the student's complete prior academic coursework completed. (Government Code 12628; 22 CFR 62.25)

The district may require additional documents which may include, but are not limited to, evidence that the student has health and accident insurance from the time of departure from home to the time the student returns to the home country. (11 CCR 360; 22 CFR 62.25)

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 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.

Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Board authority of school districts

35185 Miscellaneous administrative authority

48052 Nonresidents

48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment

51225.5 Honorary diploma; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

87100 General prohibition, conflict of interest

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

350-384 California Uniform Supervision of International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

214.2 Students in academic high schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance Regarding International Student Exchange Placement Organizations, 2014

Policy FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: March 26, 1992 Fresno, California

revised: August 25, 1994

revised: January 30, 1997

reviewed: May 25, 2001

revised: May 20, 2020

Policy Section: 6000 Instruction