

**WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District actively participates in programs for foreign student exchange on a tuition-free basis for grades 9-12 provided that the students involved entered the United States on a J-1 immigration status.

Foreign students who qualify for tuition-free attendance in the district must be placed through programs which meet the following criteria:

1. The exchange program has an orientation program in the home and/or receiving country.
2. Students are admitted into the program in such a way as to insure selectivity with respect to academic ability.
3. The exchange organization has representatives locally who can provide assistance to the host family, the school, or the student should problems arise.
4. The school is provided with family and school records to assist in proper placement in academic classes.
5. The exchange program provides opportunity for West Linn-Wilsonville students to participate in similar study experiences abroad with a corresponding waiver of tuition.
6. The exchange program provides the district with objective evidence of the student's oral and written proficiency.
7. The number of students the school will serve through foreign exchange programs will be limited to .5% of the high school student body.

The district will maintain a list of programs which meet the above criteria. Parents who wish to host foreign exchange students will be referred to these programs.

Only students with a J-1 immigrant status will be accepted as foreign exchange students in the district.

END OF POLICY

