

ADMISSION OF NON-IMMIGRANT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) recognizes the educational and cultural value of international exchange programs and foreign exchange students, and authorizes the admission of a limited number of non-immigrant foreign exchange students to various educational programs offered in the District's schools. Foreign exchange students will not be considered candidates for High School diplomas. However, said students may receive a certificate of completion.

This policy applies to non-immigrant foreign students who temporarily reside within the District's boundaries without their parents/legal guardians for the purpose of attending school. These students are those who qualify for J-1 visas under the regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and are referred to in this policy as "foreign exchange students". This policy does not apply to resident aliens, political exiles, or students from other countries residing within the District's boundaries with their parents/legal guardians.

Foreign exchange students are responsible for their own immigration status, and the District's admission of such a student should not be regarded as any indication regarding the student's legal immigration status. The District reserves discretion to deny admission to any student not a resident of Colorado.

Under currently applicable law, foreign exchange students on J-1 visas must apply, meet the requirements and be accepted for the program through a designated sponsoring organization. Foreign exchange students admitted to the District are considered wards of the families with whom they reside.

The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations to implement this policy. Except as required by applicable law, any or all of the requirements of this policy and any accompanying regulation may be waived by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee for good cause shown if it is determined that such waiver is in the best interest of the District.

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LEGAL REFS.: 8 USC 1184
 8 USC 1101(a)(15)(F)(i)
 22 C.F.R. § 62.25

CROSS REF.: JFABB-R, Regulation to Policy JFABB, Admission of Non-immigrant
 Foreign Exchange Students