

**R.S.U. #82/M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY
ENROLLMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

A foreign exchange student is a 13 to 19-year old (on the date of enrollment) youth from a foreign country in the United States under the sponsorship of an organized and registered, not-for-profit program for the purpose of experiencing the American way of life. Foreign exchange students seeking eligibility must be on one of the approved exchange programs from the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). Enrollment of a foreign exchange student requires the approval of the Superintendent.

- A. Forest Hills High Consolidated School will accept up to twelve (12) foreign exchange students per year. Foreign exchange students are expected to stay for the entire school year. Foreign exchange students may not have previously graduated from a high school.
- B. Foreign exchange students will be enrolled in appropriate grades and classes as determined by the Principal and Guidance Counselor. They will enroll in an English class and a Social Studies Class. Further, they must carry a class load similar to typical Forest Hills High school Students.
- C. Exchange students will be mainstreamed into current course offerings, and tutoring will not be provided.
- D. R.S.U. #82/M.S.A.D. #12 will provide no financial assistance or benefits to foreign exchange students. This includes all school fees and other expenses; however, if eligibility requirements are met, school meals may be provided free or at a reduced cost.
- E. If the foreign exchange student participates in graduation, he/she will receive an honorary diploma from Forest Hills High School. If a foreign exchange student has met all of the graduation requirements enumerated in policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) he/she will be eligible to receive regular Forest Hills High School diploma.
- F. English-proficiency assessment data must be provided as evidence that enrolling foreign exchange students have adequate verbal and written English-language

proficiency to be successful in Forest Hills Consolidated School.

- G. If an organization places a student who is later assessed as deficient in English language proficiency, as deemed by the district, the organization shall do one of the following:
 - 1) Terminate the student's placement.
 - 2) Provide, and pay for, tutorial assistance and testing service until the student reaches proficiency, as determined by the district.
- H. The foreign student must agree to abide by all Board policies and administrative rules that affect all students enrolled at Forest Hills High Consolidated School. If the student chooses to be involved with interscholastic sports, he/she must adhere to the following: FHHS eligibility regulations and the rules of the MPA.
- I. It should be understood that the student also agrees to share his/her cultural background with our elementary school, middle school, and high school students. This commitment could be carried out in a number of different ways. One would be to visit a social studies class and have a question and answer period.
- J. When possible, the Superintendent should formally accept the foreign exchange student(s) no later than June 30 of the school year preceding the school year in which the student will be enrolled. The Superintendent may, in specific cases, grant exceptions and accept the student(s) at a later date. All necessary application papers, medical records, appropriate visa materials, verification of health and accident insurance coverage, and transcripts translated into English must be available at that time. A personal interview involving the Principal, the local representative, and the foreign exchange student is required prior to final admittance.
- K. On a case-by-case basis, foreign students, not falling under the category of a "Foreign Exchange Student", may be enrolled following approval by the Superintendent and the Principal and with full tuition paid in advance.

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