

## FOREIGN STUDENT ENROLLMENT NOT AFFILIATED WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**In accordance with MCPS [Policy 3145](#):** “Individual foreign students sponsored by a relative or friend may attend the District for a period not to exceed 12 months, with Board approval and in accordance with federal requirements.”

Foreign students not affiliated with any Foreign Exchange Program must obtain an F-1 student visa to be considered for enrollment in an MCPS school.

### **Foreign Students (F-1) in Public Schools:**

1. Foreign students may come to the U.S. to live with U.S. citizen relatives while attending public school. Students are limited to twelve months study in secondary school.
  - Students may not study in an elementary school
  - Students may not study in a publicly funded adult education program.
2. F-1 secondary school students are required to pay the full cost of education by repaying the school system for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing the education.
  - The student visa is not issued until the foreign consulate has proof that payment has been made in advance of issuing the visa. Therefore, once the payment has been received by the District, a letter of notification will be provided to the foreign student or his/her representative for proof to provide to the appropriate official.
  - In accordance with the law, tuition or reimbursement expenses **cannot** be waived.

*Note: “The student’s status as a resident of the school district and the fact that the U.S. citizen has paid local property/school taxes is irrelevant and does not fulfill the cost reimbursement requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) 214 (m). Therefore, the full tuition costs must be paid to the school district.”*

Source: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1269.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1269.html)