

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Admission Requirements:** Foreign exchange students must be sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age or younger at the time of enrollment.

1. Foreign exchange students must reside with a legal resident of the District. Limited exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Board.
2. Foreign exchange students must have sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable effective communication and to use instructional materials and textbooks printed in English.
  - a) An English proficiency test of the District's own choosing may be administered and will supersede all other tests.
  - b) If an organization places a student who, upon arrival is deemed by the District to be deficient in English language proficiency, the organization will do one of the following:
    - Terminate the student's placement.
    - Provide, and pay for, tutoring help until the student reaches proficiency, as determined by the District.

### **Academic Standards and Graduation:**

1. Foreign exchange students will be expected to meet all appropriate standards required of any student enrolled in the District.
2. Foreign exchange students will not graduate from or receive a diploma from the High School, but they may participate in the ceremonies and receive a certificate of attendance.

### **Student Opportunities/Responsibilities:**

1. Foreign exchange students will be expected to enroll in the following academic classes while attending Missoula County Public High Schools:
  - a) One (1) English Class;
  - b) One (1) United States History Class or One (1) Government Class;
  - c) Maintain enrollment in at least five (5) classes.
2. Foreign Exchange students are eligible to participate in the High School Activities Program. Guidelines for participation are set by District policy and by the Montana High School Association, as follows:
  - a) **RECOGNITION:** The student must be a participant of an "official Foreign Exchange Program" as defined in the publication from the National Association of Secondary School Principals, entitled, "Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs".
  - b) **GRADUATION:** The student cannot have graduated or received a diploma in his/her own country.
3. Foreign exchange students are expected to pay all yearbook fees, lab fees, prom tickets, yearbook costs, athletic fees, cap and gown fees, lunch prices, and all other school incurred expenses that are expected of other students enrolled in the High School.

Foreign exchange students must maintain passing grades in all classes, follow rules and regulations of District student policies, and show satisfactory discipline and attendance. Failure to comply with these expectations shall result in dismissal of the student from the District's Foreign Exchange Program.