

Missoula County Public Schools

Students 3145

Foreign Exchange Students

It is the policy of the Board to recognize the benefits from non-immigrant students in the District.

The Board does not, however, sponsor student foreign exchange programs. The District does not provide any financial contribution to the student. The Board assumes no responsibility or control over items such as travel, living accommodations, funding, insurance, etc., which remain the responsibility of the sponsor and/or student.

J-1 visa holders (students sponsored by an approved foreign exchange organization) are eligible to attend secondary schools. Any sponsoring organization must have a local representative, be a nonprofit organization, and be approved by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel. F-1 visa holders (individual foreign students sponsored by relatives or friends) may attend the District for a period not to exceed 12 months, with Board approval and in accordance with federal requirements. The student or family shall be assessed and shall reimburse the District for the full, unsubsidized cost of education for the period of attendance.

The number of foreign exchange students attending each High School at one time shall not exceed five (5). The Board reserves the right to withdraw approval and regulate the number of students participating.

Legal Reference:

8 U.S.C. 1184(m)

20 U.S.C. 221, et seq.

8 C.F.R. 214.2(f)

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