



JFABB - ADMISSION OF NON-IMMIGRANT FOREIGN STUDENTS

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 the regular educational programs offered in the District's schools. To protect the interests of the District, its schools, and its students, only foreign exchange students from approved exchange programs will be admitted. The District reserves the right to deny admission to any student, in accordance with applicable law.

Approved exchange programs are those designated by the United States Information Agency. Completed applications will only be accepted from the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) certified J-1 Visa agencies and Rotary branches overseen by the national Rotary Youth Exchange International Program. Foreign exchange students admitted as part of an approved program are considered wards of the families with whom they reside.

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 a J-1 visa under the regulations of the United States Department of Justice, issued pursuant to the Immigration and Naturalization Act. 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. Students in the United States on a visitor visa are not entitled to enroll in any school in the District.

Foreign exchange students shall not be considered candidates for high school diplomas from the District. However, these students may be awarded a certificate of completion.

Foreign students on a J-1 visa are not required by law to pay tuition.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

8 U.S.C. 1184 (admission of nonimmigrant elementary and secondary school students)

8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i) (definition of nonimmigrant student)

22 CFR 62.25 (eligibility for and administration of foreign exchange secondary student visitor programs)