

Instruction

SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Port Jervis City School District recognizes that cultural enrichment may be derived from welcoming foreign exchange students into the high school educational program. Such students covered by this policy are generally in the district for a one-year academic program.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee retains the sole discretion to deny admission to any student not meeting all requirements set forth in this policy and regulation. He/she may also terminate any approval of a foreign exchange student when he/she believes that it would be in the best interest of the Port Jervis City School District.

- a) The District will recognize as exchange students only students from those organizations sponsoring exchange visitors who have been designated as "Exchange-Visitor Programs" by the United States Information Agency pursuant to federal regulations.
- b) No foreign exchange student shall be enrolled unless he/she demonstrates compliance with all New York State Immunization requirements.
- c) No foreign exchange students shall be enrolled in Port Jervis High School unless he/she has been accepted in writing as a student by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
- d) A maximum of three (3) foreign exchange students may be accepted in a given school year. One of the available openings will be reserved for a student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Jervis.

The other openings will be filled by foreign exchange students from sponsoring organizations who meet the criteria identified in this policy. These will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The opening reserved for the local Rotary may be used for foreign exchange students from other sponsoring organizations that meet the criteria identified in this policy if Rotary declines the reserved opening for a giving year.

The District assumes no responsibility concerning the visa status of any foreign exchange student.

Foreign exchange students will be allowed to attend the high school tuition free and will be provided bus transportation free of charge to and from school from the legal residence within the Port Jervis City School District of their host families. When a foreign exchange student is accepted for admission pursuant to this policy, and its regulations, the letter of acceptance shall include a statement that tuition shall be waived.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Education Law Section 3202

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