Students

Foreign Exchange Students

The Board of Education encourages international studies. To that end, foreign exchange students who meet certain visa criteria established by federal law may be enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools. The administration may determine the number of foreign exchange students that may be enrolled in the high school for any school year.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee to implement administrative regulations governing this policy.

Legal Reference: Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §1372

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In order for a foreign exchange student to be eligible for enrollment in the New Milford Public Schools, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The student must be sufficiently fluent in English so that he/she would not require any special services such as ESL.
- B. The application for admission must be reviewed by the appropriate school administrator before July 1 of the school year for which the student wishes to enroll.
- C. The school must ascertain that the living situation that the student would be living in the local community is appropriate.
- D. The school must have room for the student and be able to accommodate him/her without incurring additional costs or burden.
- E. The student may not be enrolled for more than one year.
- F. The student is not eligible to receive an official New Milford Board of Education diploma but may receive an honorary diploma.
- G. The student may be eligible to play sports if he/she meets the CIAC criteria.
- H. If the student is not participating in and attending the school program or is disruptive to the smooth and efficient operation of the school, the student may be dis-enrolled.
- I. This program is designed for foreign students who enter the country on one-year J-I visas through established exchange programs such as Youth for Understanding, American Field Service and Rotary.

Note: Students entering the United States on F-I visas may attend schools in the district only upon full payment of tuition before entering the United States. This tuition fee may not be waived due to federal legislation.

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