INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Board of Education recognizes that personal contact between students of different countries and cultures promotes global awareness and international understanding. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students and further encourages district students to take any opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Area Superintendent approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

International Student Exchange Programs

To enroll in a district school, an international exchange student must be participating in an exchange program registered with the California Attorney General's Office, designated by the U.S. Department of State and accepted for listing on the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel's Advisory List.

When necessary because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources, the Superintendent or designee may limit the number of international exchange students to be accepted at any district high school during any school year.

The district shall not incur any financial obligations when sending and/or receiving international exchange students. Program sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and cocurricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (continued)

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
GOVERNMENT CODE
12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
California Attorney General's Office: http://www.caag.state.ca.us
California Interscholastic Federation: http://wwwcifstate.org
Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: http://www.csiet.org
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: http://exchanges.state.gov
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: http://www.ice.gov

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