

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT POLICY

The purpose of Foreign Exchange Student Programs is to improve foreign students' knowledge of American culture and language through active participation in family and school life and to improve our knowledge of foreign cultures. In order to make this a positive experience for everyone involved, the Edmond School District has established the following guidelines.

A. The sponsoring exchange program will be fully responsible for the selection of suitable students for participation in its program.

B. Selection will be limited to secondary students or recent graduates between the ages of 16 and 19 years who have a sufficient command of the English language to enable them to function well in an English speaking academic and community environment.

C. The sponsoring program will provide the school a copy of the agency's current criteria for its exchange program and all available information concerning the prospective exchange student (transcript, health records, etc.).

D. No exchange student is to be assigned to a host family in the Edmond School District until he/she has been accepted in writing as a student by the principal. The deadline for approval is August 1.

E. Each Edmond High School has a limit of five (5) exchange students per year and two (1) per program.

F. Exchange students 17 years and older will be classified as seniors and will be allowed to participate in all senior activities including the commencement ceremony in May. Students will receive an Honorary Diploma. Exchange students will not be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian status because they lack the Edmond Public Schools curricular requirements and their GPA is not computed into the rank of the senior class.

G. Exchange students will be enrolled in a full class load, including U.S. History, U.S. Government, English III/American Literature.

H. Students participating in foreign exchange programs shall be eligible for graduation from an Edmond high school, providing the following criteria are met:

1. The student meets or exceeds state regulations.
2. The student participates in an accredited foreign exchange program.
3. The student provides the District a transcript of credits received in the foreign exchange program.

I. Edmond Public Schools will not issue I-20 forms to non-immigrant students.