

FOREIGN STUDENT VISITATION

Students who are sponsored by an established, non-profit, foreign exchange or visitation program or agency which is registered with The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, and appearing in the council's current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs, may sponsor foreign exchange or visiting students for enrollment in the Laconia Public Schools. Such students must reside with a Laconia host family(s) during their stay here. General tuition shall not be charged these students or their sponsoring agencies or sponsors. Agencies or sponsors requesting to place visiting students in the Laconia Schools must provide references to the Laconia School District for consideration.

The following provisions must be met prior to Laconia School District approval of enrollment for foreign exchange students in the Laconia School District:

1. The visiting student's sponsoring agency will arrange for the visiting student's host family(s).
2. A local sponsoring agency contact person, other than the host family(s), must be identified to assist the school with transition or adjustment issues, and the sponsoring placement agency must take responsibility for all necessary paperwork relative to the proposed visitation.
3. Any costs for special education services or other special service needs required by the foreign, visiting or exchange student will be the responsibility of the sponsoring agency or sponsor.
4. Visiting foreign exchange students must be able to provide evidence of proficiency in English comprehension, listening and speaking prior to enrollment in Laconia schools.
5. Prior to consideration of acceptance, the Laconia School District must receive from the visiting student's sponsoring agency and/or sending school a statement of expected objectives for the student(s) while on visit or exchange to Laconia.
6. Visiting foreign exchange students must be prepared to share their cultural background with Laconia students, either in classes here or at special presentations.

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7. Students who cannot meet the established academic, social or visitation objectives may not be allowed to continue enrollment in the Laconia Schools. Visiting foreign exchange students will be required to maintain a passing academic average. If they fail to do so, they will be placed on academic probation for nine weeks. If at the end of that time there has been no improvement, visitation rights will be terminated. Foreign exchange students will be eligible to earn credit and receive a certificate of attendance only. Visiting foreign exchange students will also be expected to follow all of the rules and regulations outlined for all students in the student handbook. If the misbehavior continues, privileges will be automatically revoked.
8. The annual number of foreign visiting or exchange students will be limited to four per year. No organization may enroll more than two students. Any additional foreign exchange students must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.
9. Foreign, visiting or exchange students who have fulfilled the above mentioned provisions may enroll in the Laconia Schools for not less than one semester or more than one calendar school year.
10. The administration of the Laconia School District reserves the right to deny without appeal any application that it deems inappropriate.

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