

School District of West Salem
Policy 422.1

Foreign Exchange Students

The West Salem School Board supports student exchange programs in order to promote worldwide intercultural learning and living experiences. Each foreign exchange student must be represented by a bona fide organization with preference given to those students traveling through programs endorsed by the Council on Standards for International Travel. Foreign students participating in an exchange program will be accepted provided they are assigned to families who are legal residents of the district.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject placement of a foreign exchange student based on established criteria and to terminate enrollment of any foreign exchange student who does not adequately observe the rights and responsibilities established for students of the district.

To be accepted, a foreign exchange student must meet the following criteria:

- A. The student must turn 17 by December 31 of the school year they are enrolled.
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- The student must be considered either a junior or a senior.
- B. The student must be in attendance before the third Friday of September for first semester and by the first Friday of January for second semester.
- C. The student must have school records demonstrating English proficiency.
- D. All accompanying paperwork for the foreign exchange student must be provided prior to the student's acceptance into West Salem High.
- E. Foreign exchange students must be prepared to present an appropriate VISA and Passport at the time of registration.
- F. Any student registered as a junior, must participate in the Wisconsin Assessment program.
- G. There is no guarantee of class selection or placement. The guidance counselor will determine the foreign exchange student's class schedule.

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- H. Foreign exchange students may be awarded a high school diploma only if they have graduated from their home school and meet all graduation and attendance requirements for seniors attending West Salem High School. Foreign exchange students who earn a diploma are not included in the class ranking and are not eligible for scholarships.
- I. Foreign exchange students who successfully complete the exchange experience in good standing may participate in the graduation ceremony.
- J. Those foreign exchange students not meeting all the graduation requirements receive a certificate of attendance.
- K. Returning students must be a part of an approved program, have administrative approval, and paid tuition.
- L. A limit of five new students will be approved on a first come basis per school year.

Legal References: Sections 120.13(1), 121.84(1)(c) Wisconsin Statutes; Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 (as amended); 22 CFR Part 62(Secondary School Student Exchange Program Regulations)

Cross References: 345.5, Graduation Requirements;
345.52, Commencement Ceremony
411, Equal Educational Opportunities
420, School Admissions

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