

## MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 47

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### ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

The Board of Directors recognizes the cultural enrichment derived from welcoming foreign students into the educational program and encourages District participation in a foreign student program. Foreign students covered by this policy are generally in the District for a one-year academic program.

The District retains the sole discretion to deny admission to any student not meeting all the requirements set forth in this policy and regulation. It may also terminate any approval of a foreign student program when the Board of Directors (Superintendent) believes that it would be in the best interest of the District.

1. The District will accept only students who possess a J-1 Visa and who are placed by organizations designated to administer a high school Exchange Visitor Program by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Any such organization must supply proof of designation. The Exchange Visitor Program is limited to high school students aged 15 to 18.5 at the time of initial enrollment. Host families will assume all responsibilities of parents during the student stay.
2. No foreign students subject to this policy and regulation shall be brought into the District by a foreign student program unless he or she has been accepted in writing as a student by the building principal of the school or a designee.
3. Foreign students will be allowed to attend school and will be provided bus transportation to and from school if they reside in our district. When a foreign student is accepted for admission pursuant to this policy and regulation the letter of acceptance shall include a statement that tuition shall be waived for the student.
4. Foreign exchange students are required to have proficiency in English, which allows the student to participate fully in the academic program without supplemental English instruction.
5. Application and all supporting materials by May 1 – Waiver may be requested in unusual circumstances.
6. Criteria – Exchange students will be placed in the class closest to their age group and level of academic preparation and participate in all activities for that class. Students placed as seniors will participate in graduation and may receive an “honorary” certificate of attendance.

#### References:

22 CFR Section 62.25

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