

# AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

ADOPTED: April 25, 2000

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p> <p>Pa. Code Title 22 Sec. 11.11(d)</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines Pol. 203</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">239. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS</p> <p>In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit international exchange students into district schools.</p> <p>The Board may accept international exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.</p> <p>The Board may accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.</p> <p>The Board may accept privately sponsored exchange students on a F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to limit the number of international exchange students admitted to the schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of international exchange students applying for admission to district schools.</p> <p>All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance.</p> <p>International exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.</p>
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<p>Pa. Code Title 22 Sec. 4.74</p>	<p>Admission of international exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age, but not older than twenty-one (21) at the conclusion of their period of attendance.</li><li>2. Students who have graduated from their native school system shall not be admitted unless approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee after review of the student's transcript sixty (60) days in advance of the proposed date of attendance to assess academic eligibility.</li><li>3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space available basis.</li><li>4. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility for the student and verifying they are serving as a volunteer host without personal profit.</li><li>5. Exchange students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met.</li><li>6. Exchange students are not eligible to receive a high school diploma but may be awarded an honorary diploma.</li><li>7. All sponsors of J-1 students must provide satisfactory information to show compliances with all applicable federal statutes and regulations.</li><li>8. Students must be able to understand, ask and answer questions and make statements in English. Students must be able to understand the main idea of most conversations in English at a normal average speed on familiar topics. Students must be able to understand and follow simple oral instruction in a classroom setting. Students will also be able to read and understand most English narratives and descriptive texts of varying lengths. Students must be able to write organized descriptive and narrative paragraphs and produce short compositions in English.</li></ol>
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