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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AND ~~FOREIGN~~ EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Gilford School District supports opportunities for students from other countries to participate in Gilford High School programs. Participation guidelines have been established in accordance with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) guidelines and the Immigration and Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996.

The Board shall accept, for a period of up to one school year, international visitor or exchange students with the appropriate Visa. These students must reside within the district. The Board will not admit more than three international visitor or exchange students per school year. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of international students admitted to the school.

Intent to host must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent 90 days in advance of a visit and should include a request by the home family, student, and sponsoring organization (if applicable). The full application must be submitted 60 days in advance. Exceptions may be made with extenuating circumstances.

International and Academic Student/Visitors

These guidelines apply to students who are not supported through an established program or specific agency (F-1 student visa). An example would be a student from Russia who wishes to come and stay with mutual friends in the United States.

Guidelines:

- ~~Application must be made in writing to the Principal of Gilford High School a minimum of fourteen days in advance of a visit through a joint parent and host family written request.~~
- The student must show evidence of sufficient academic and scholastic preparation to benefit from the academic experience.
- The student must have demonstrated English language proficiency.
- ~~The host family must maintain full responsibility for health/medical issues including insurance and authorization for emergency medical treatment.~~
- **Responsibility for the costs of housing, medical, proper insurance coverage and other non-academic matters lie with the host family.**
- The student's family must give written power of attorney to the host family.
- The student and/or host family is responsible for the payment of local tuition.

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- ❑ The host family must have sufficient funds available to support the student during the entire proposed course of study. Funds for student emergency return to ~~his~~ home ~~country~~ must be available.
- ❑ The student must qualify for an F-1 visa and must have completed all necessary INS paperwork including form I-20A-B.

~~Given compliance with these guidelines, the Superintendent will authorize the student to spend a minimum of ninety days and not more than one full academic year.~~

Exchange Students

Students who are sponsored by an INS approved international cultural exchange program qualify under these guidelines (J student visa). These include such organizations as *Rotary International* and *Face the World Foundation*, among others. Such programs should be designed to promote the inter-change of persons, knowledge and skills in the fields of education, arts and sciences and may be applied to students of all academic levels and people-to-people sharing programs.

Guidelines:

- ❑ ~~The written application must be made to the GHS principal sixty days in advance. Such application should include a request by the home family, student, and sponsoring organization.~~
- ❑ ~~Student participants are required to have demonstrated maturity, good character, and scholastic aptitude.~~
- ❑ ~~The student must have demonstrated proficiency in knowledge of English language.~~
- ❑ **The student must have demonstrated English language proficiency.**
- ❑ Responsibility for the costs of housing, medical, proper insurance coverage and other non-academic matters lie with the sponsoring organization.
- ❑ All INS guidelines, including completion of form IAP-66 must be provided and completed by the sponsoring organization.
- ❑ ~~Participating students will be required to register for a full course of academic study. Placement shall be a minimum of at least two academic trimesters. All student credentials are to be forwarded to the school district with a letter of interest/application materials.~~
- ❑ **Placement shall be a minimum of at least two academic trimesters.**
- ❑ ~~Host families/guest homes must be established at least thirty days in advance of the beginning of the program. Student placement with a host family shall~~

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- ~~be made no more than a 50-mile radius of the sponsoring organization or supervising representative's office.~~ A faculty advisor will be assigned to each student to serve as a liaison with him/her and the host family.
- ~~The organization shall maintain a regular schedule of personal contact/oversight with the student, host family, and school personnel.~~
- ~~The sponsoring organization shall provide orientation to the host family, school personnel, and others involved with the program a minimum of thirty days prior to beginning of the program.~~
- Students must be aware of the program at GHS and select courses in advance of their enrollment.
- Students participating in academic exchange programs are not eligible for free/reduced meals or other federally funded programs.
- The host school district maintains the responsibility, through the school administration, to terminate academic and/or exchange programs with thirty days written notice. In these circumstances, responsibility for additional costs lie with the student, host family, and/or sponsoring organization.

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