Foreign Exchange Student Waiver Guidelines

Allowable Limitation for a Waiver

An application for a foreign exchange student waiver request for a limitation on the number of foreign exchange students that is more than five per high school may be granted. An application for a waiver to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a number from one to four (less than five) per high school must be submitted as a general waiver. Therefore, a request to limit the number to zero will not be considered. **Please be advised that being approved for either waiver type the district must adhere to the requested number of student limits in the waiver application.**

Local Policies

If a district has local policies or guidelines that impose limitations on foreign exchange student admission applications or requests, including a deadline for an application or request or a restriction on the foreign exchange programs that may place a student in the district, the district must submit the policies as an attachment with the waiver application. If the district does not submit policies with the waiver application, the waiver will be reviewed based on the condition that the district accept foreign exchange students on a first come, first serve basis until the number of students stated in the waiver application is reached.

Subsequent Waiver Applications

If a district receives a foreign exchange waiver, the granting of any subsequent foreign exchange student waiver to the same district is based on the condition that the district enrolls, in each year to which the previous waiver applied, the number of foreign exchange students equal to the lesser of 1) the number stated in the waiver or 2) the total number for which the district received an application for enrollment.

Course Credit and Graduation

The records or transcripts of foreign exchange students are required to be evaluated in the same manner as those of other out-of-state, out-of-country, or private school students entering the district and the district shall award the students credit and place them in appropriate courses accordingly. See the Curriculum Division for further details and clarification.