

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Procedure Title: Student Attendance

Section Title: Foreign Exchange Students

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Post Falls School District will accept foreign exchange students under these regulations:

1. The number of exchange students will be limited to 1 per 200 students per high school, subject to class loads.
2. The district will take requests on a “first-come, first-served” basis. However, it is the district’s philosophy to work with many different sponsors and agencies.
3. Pre-approved organizations applying for one of the allowable openings must submit an application by May 15 containing the names of potential students and their host families for the next school year. The application must contain the name and address of the local representative of the foreign exchange organization, a translated transcript of previous course work, a student profile and a GTLP test score or other comparable test verifying English proficiency. Applications will be reviewed for placement and organizations will be notified by June 15 which students will be accepted for enrollment.
4. Foreign exchange students will be responsible for their own school expenses i.e., yearbooks, class rings, lunches, activity passes, etc.
5. Foreign exchange students are not eligible for driver education.
6. Foreign exchange students are expected to participate in classes as regular high school students. They will not be enrolled on a non-credit or audit basis. They are required to take examinations and do all work assigned by the teacher of the classes in which they are enrolled. This includes complying with the school district’s attendance and discipline policies.
7. After a six week adjustment period, the high school counseling department chairperson will notify the local sponsor if a foreign exchange student is not achieving and/or has not reached acceptable proficiency in English and/or has other problems of adjustment.
8. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to provide tutors and/or necessary assistance required to help foreign exchange students meet acceptable standards. If this cannot be accomplished, it is quite possible the foreign exchange student may need to be relocated.

Sponsors and/or organizations that do not consistently screen and monitor foreign exchange students and their host families may lose the privilege of placing students in this district.

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