

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT POLICY

The Montrose School District acknowledges the benefits of Foreign Exchange Student Programs. While there are benefits, it is the school district's responsibility to insure that such a program would not adversely affect any school program, student, family, or teacher and fits within the federal legal framework regarding these programs. Therefore, the following rules and regulations will be followed.

1. The Montrose School District will accept no more than four foreign exchange students per year. This number may be less if it would cause overcrowding.
2. The Montrose School District will work with only two sponsoring organizations in any one given year.
3. All sponsoring organizations must be listed on the most current Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) Advisory List. The organization's status must be listed as "Full" with CSIET.
4. The student/host family must have prior approval from the school administration to be placed at Montrose High School. The host family, not the agency, must place the student.
5. Foreign exchange students must agree to be in attendance a minimum of one semester.
6. Foreign exchange students will follow all of the grading guidelines followed by all Montrose High School students.
7. Students who will be accepted for the first semester of study or the entire school year. They must be registered by August 1st. No foreign exchange students will be accepted for the second semester of study only.
8. Schedules for the foreign exchange students will be created following a meeting with the host family, the school guidance counselor, and the high school principal.
9. Foreign exchange students must be of the ages 15 through 19 by September 1st of the school year they plan to attend.
10. Foreign exchange students will normally be placed at the grade level that most closely corresponds to their grade level in their home country.
11. Foreign exchange students will be allowed all rights and privileges provided to all other Montrose School District students in relation to extra-curricular activities.
12. Foreign exchange students will receive a Certificate of Attendance showing the dates of attendance, courses taken, and the reason for discontinuance (i.e. end of school term, transfer, etc.).
13. Each foreign exchange student must have and provide to the Montrose District at the time of enrollment a J-1 visa issued by the United States Department of State. The Montrose District is not authorized to issue I-20 forms and is not registered on the SEVIS system thus only j-1 visas may be accepted.

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