

Exchange Students

The Conway School Board encourages school participation in student exchange programs. Principals will develop for the superintendent's approval guidelines for exchange programs within their schools to include application procedures and time lines,

District guidelines for such programs include:

- ❖ Exchange students must be sponsored by a recognized and approved agency; the superintendent reserves the right not to recommend acceptance.
- ❖ Any potential exchange student must provide written verification from the host family of the family's agreement to be responsible for the student.
- ❖ Student must produce a valid VISA for the length of their stay.
- ❖ A maximum of three (3) exchange students from other countries or states will be accepted each year in any school; A maximum of five students per year applies to the district as a whole.
- ❖ The School Board will waive tuition for approved exchange students.
- ❖ The principal must discuss with the superintendent applications for exchange students before agreeing to accept the students.
- ❖ Any exchange student who becomes involved in significant behavioral or attendance issues may be dismissed from the school, and the agency and previous school notified.
- ❖ Grades and appropriate progress reports will be issued to the student, host family, and, at the end of the term, transmitted to the student's home school; however, unless the student satisfies all local graduation requirements, the student will not be issued a local diploma. Students who have graduated from their home school will not be accepted as exchange students.

In the event an individual or family wants a foreign student to attend a local school without being sponsored by an appropriate agency, the family shall apply directly with the superintendent who will make a recommendation to the board.

Local Students desiring to participate in exchange programs may do so, but there is no obligation by the Board to pay any tuition or other expenses of such participation. Any student contemplating an exchange must work with the local school and obtain a written agreement from the principal regarding the use of any credit from the exchange school to satisfy local requirements.