

Bristol Tennessee City Schools

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Any foreign student is eligible for acceptance into the foreign exchange student program, provided they are participating through any agency endorsed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and are sponsored by an individual or organization. Before acceptance, the exchange program representative must ~~make application on behalf of and register the student in the~~ **collaborate with the host family and assist them in the registration process at the** local school serving the host family. The school may accept the student after determining the following:

1. The student will participate in the general curriculum;
2. Appropriate curriculum offerings can be provided for the student; and
3. An overcrowded situation will not be further aggravated.

Prior to enrolling a foreign student, the principal or designee shall require, in addition to a valid student visa, the following documentation:

1. Citizenship;
2. Birthdate;
3. Health/immigration records;
4. Custody (including phone number, name, and address of person responsible for the student); and
5. School records, including a transcript in English of work done in the foreign school.

Admission requirements and all other considerations and expectations shall be the same for foreign students as for United States students. Students will be accepted only in grades 9-12. No more than three (3) foreign exchange students shall be accepted per year. The high school administration shall establish procedures for selection of foreign exchange students to be accepted.

Students must have had acceptable academic achievement in their native countries and must have been screened for maturity and ability to receive the maximum benefit from an exchange program. Exchange students must have an adequate command of the English language and be able to function without special assistance in regular classes. The principal shall be responsible for assignment to the appropriate grade level.

Each school shall name a representative to serve as a liaison between the school and exchange program agency and as an adviser to exchange students.

- 1 The sponsoring individual/organization shall provide evidence to the school that the student will
- 2 receive adequate financial support for the duration of the student's stay. Exchange students shall not be
- 3 eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.