Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE

STUDENTS

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1. Purpose

In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into the schools of the district.

2. Authority 8 U. S. C. Sec. 1101

The Board shall accept foreign exchange students who meet the established guidelines for admission to district schools.

The Board shall accept exchange students on a J-1 Visa who reside within the district as participants in group-sponsored exchange programs approved by the Board. Exchange students on a J-1 Visa shall not be required to pay tuition.

The Board shall accept privately sponsored exchange students on a F-1 Visa for attendance only in secondary schools upon payment of tuition at the established district rate; tuition payments may not be waived. The period of attendance shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of foreign exchange students admitted to the schools.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining the visa status and eligibility of foreign exchange students applying for admission to district schools.

All potential organizations or individuals applying for admission shall forward the request to the Superintendent or designee by July 1 preceding the school year of attendance.

4. Guidelines

Foreign exchange students shall comply with all immunization requirements for students. Once admitted, all exchange students shall be subject to all district policies and regulations governing students.

Admission of foreign exchange students shall be subject to the following guidelines:

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1. Students shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and shall be sufficiently fluent in English. 2. Students may not be a graduate of their native school system. 3. Students will be considered for admittance on a space-available basis. Resident host families shall submit a statement accepting responsibility 4. for the student. 5. Students shall be encouraged to participate in all student activities and athletics, provided all eligibility criteria are met. Senior foreign exchange students will be permitted to participate in 6. commencement exercises. 7. Senior foreign exchange students will be given a certificate of attendance at graduation in lieu of a high school diploma.