

POLICY 5027

Foreign Exchange Students

- A. Box Elder School District recognizes the value of cultural exchange in accepting students from other countries. However, the quality of the educational experiences for regular and foreign students* can be maintained only when the following policies are in place:
1. The number of slots that will be available will be determined annually by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). The number of slots will be divided equally between high schools as much as possible. Through mutual agreement a slot may be shifted between schools.
 2. Only students sponsored by appropriately licensed agencies with local representatives (living within the district) will be accepted. The Box Elder School District will not “reserve” slots for placement by any one foreign exchange program. When and if more requests are made than placements available, a rotation between agencies will be determined. Unless placements are unfilled by June 1, no agency will be permitted to place more than one student in the Box Elder School District during a given school year.
 3. Appropriately licensed foreign student placement agencies will be responsible for all federal, state, and other required immigration and entrance forms required of non-U.S. Citizens. Box Elder School District will not sponsor individual students. See [Utah Admin. Rules R277-612-4\(2\), \(3\) \(May 10, 2017\)](#) and [Utah Code § 53G-6-707\(5\) \(2019\)](#)
 4. The District shall provide the approved exchange student agency sponsoring a foreign exchange student with a list of names and telephone numbers of individuals not associated with the agency who could be called by an exchange student in the event of a serious problem. The agency shall make a copy of the list available to each of its exchange students in the exchange student's native language.
 5. When an appropriately licensed foreign student placement agency places a student in Box Elder School District and also sponsors a Box Elder School District student who is enrolled in a school in a foreign country, the foreign student may attend without paying tuition. This may occur on a one-to-one basis.
 6. When a local student is not involved in the exchange, foreign students will be required to pay a tuition equal to the calculated average expenditure per student for the previous year less any state reimbursement for that student through foreign exchange student fund. If more students register than allowed through state funds,

foreign students will pay full tuition, this will be determined on a first come basis. The total cost of tuition must be paid prior to the student attending.

7. All applications must be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent over Personnel beginning April 1st via email or no later than June 1 for the school year beginning in the fall. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.
- B. Students who attend Box Elder School District high schools for one year or less on an approved foreign exchange program shall be permitted to participate in all activities associated with completing the high school experience appropriate for the class in which they are enrolled. A one-year experience as a foreign exchange student will not qualify an individual for receipt of a diploma from Box Elder School District high schools. Students may be given a certificate of completion suitable for framing and participate in all activities associated with graduation including the wearing of cap and gown and marching with the graduates.

*Any student whose parents reside outside the boundaries of the United States and who must apply to the U.S. Immigration for entry to the United States.