

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENT GUIDELINES

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| <p>1. Authority</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 203</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">204.1. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT GUIDELINES</p> <p>In order to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to district students, the Board shall admit foreign exchange students into district schools and allow district students to enroll in foreign exchange programs.</p> <p>The Superintendent will consider the extension of the privilege for foreign exchange students to attend Souderton Area High School on a yearly basis consistent with recommendations provided by the administrative staff and consistent with established procedures. Following the guidelines of this policy, the Superintendent/designee will develop procedures for district students to enroll in foreign exchange programs.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the consideration of enrollment of exchange students and shall recommend to the Board for their approval the admission of qualified students.</p> <p><u>Accepting Foreign Exchange Students</u></p> <p>The Souderton Area School District will accept foreign exchange student enrollments, the number to be determined by the Superintendent for any given year.</p> <p>Students will be considered on a first response basis consistent with United States Information Agency and district guidelines. Students will be accepted from Rotary International, SAISEC - American Field Service (AFS), Youth For Understanding (YFU) and AYUSA-sanctioned organizations.</p> <p>If approved, the sponsors and students must sign an exchange student contract agreeing to abide by district rules and regulations.</p> <p>Students need to have proof of immunizations.</p> <p>All applications for full year enrollment must be submitted to the high school principal no later than August 15 for consideration of approval. Applications for other than September admissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p> |
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| | <p><u>Souderton Area School District Students Enrolling In A Foreign Exchange Program</u></p> <p>Students seeking to study abroad must have a pre-enrollment meeting with the Souderton Area High School guidance counselor by April 30th of the preceding school year.</p> <p>All foreign exchange students must be affiliated and accepted by these groups: Rotary International, SAISEC - American Field Service (AFS), Youth For Understanding (YFU) and AYUSA-sanctioned organizations.</p> <p>Within the first month of school at the foreign site, the student must send a copy of his/her course schedule to the Souderton Area High School guidance counselor.</p> <p>Upon return from studying abroad, the student must submit an official transcript from the foreign site to the Souderton Area High School guidance counselor.</p> <p>Upon return from studying abroad, the student must have a credit-review meeting with the Souderton Area High School guidance counselor. Awarding of credits is subject to the approval of the school principal.</p> <p>Upon return from the foreign exchange program, the student must complete at least two (2) semesters of study prior to graduating from Souderton Area School District. The foreign exchange program must take place during the sophomore year, grade 10 or junior year, grade 11 and must be the equivalent of two (2) Souderton Area High School semesters.</p> |
| <p>Pol. 217</p> | <p>The student must satisfy the Souderton Area School District reading, writing, and mathematics proficiency requirement in order to graduate. Proficiency can be determined by state testing or the Souderton Area School District Intervention Program.</p> |
| <p>Pol. 217</p> | <p>The student must satisfy the Souderton Area School District Graduation Project requirement in order to graduate.</p> |
| | <p><u>Guidelines For Transfer Of Course Credits When Returning To Souderton Area School District</u></p> <p>Students must successfully complete a year's work in a full-time academic program.</p> |

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| <p>Pol. 217</p> | <p>Every attempt should be made to match the program abroad with the Souderton Area School District course of study. In addition to a transcript showing courses successfully completed, students should request from each course teacher a brief narrative describing the student’s achievement in that course so that a comparison can be made to the Souderton Area School District curriculum.</p> <p>Course credit earned in the foreign exchange year of study will be applied to graduation requirements.</p> <p>The student’s Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) and Quality Point Average (Q.P.A.) will be based on work completed in grades nine through twelve in the Souderton Area School District. Course grades achieved in a foreign exchange program will not be factored into the student’s G.P.A. or Q.P.A.</p> <p>Courses listed on the student’s Foreign Exchange Program transcript as Incomplete or Failed will not be accepted for graduation credit.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Immigration and Naturalization – 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101</p> <p>Board Policy – 203, 217</p> |
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