

STUDENTS

Foreign Exchange Program

The Kennewick School District supports the concept that the potential for world peace is enhanced through international understanding. Exchanging high school students around the world is an effective way to promote this understanding. Such programs are encouraged by the Kennewick School District Board of Directors. Regulation and control of the foreign exchange program shall be directed by the superintendent, who will develop guidelines and procedures for operation of the program. Such guidelines will include:

1. A statement of the district's requirements concerning the acceptance of sponsoring organizations.
2. Assignment of a central office administrator to verify that acceptance criteria have been met and to recommend approval for sponsoring agencies.
3. A statement of expectations regarding foreign students accepted by the Kennewick School District Foreign Exchange Program.
4. Qualifications of students, numbers of students, admission deadlines and communication channels for building, district and sponsoring agency personnel.

It is to be clearly understood that these guidelines and policies apply **only** to USIA (United States Information Agency) - designated programs, issuing J-1 visas.

It is also to be clearly understood that approval of a program for placing students in the Kennewick high schools should not be considered approval of any program for placing Kennewick students for home-stays, and study abroad. The school district has no way of verifying the programs' operations abroad. Parents are urged to carefully research each program.

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