

**District:** Jackson County School District

**Descriptor:** JQKA

**Section:** J - Students

**MSBA Policy Code:** JFABB – International/Foreign Exchange Students

### **International/Foreign Exchange Students**

It is the intent of the Jackson County School District to participate in the foreign exchange program whereby students from foreign countries are allowed temporary enrollment in this school district to enhance cultural exchange between students and the diverse nations represented. In order to facilitate placement of foreign exchange students in the school district, the following criteria will be considered by the building principal upon receipt of any such application.

1. Each of the three high schools will not accept more than three foreign exchange students within a given school year.
2. The applications for enrollment must be approved by the building principal prior to the start of the school year in which the student plans to attend, and the application must be for the entire school year. The individual applications will be considered for selection in the order corresponding to the dates of the applications with the earliest application considered first.
3. No placement agency shall have more than three students enrolled in this school district for any given school year.
4. Each student application form shall clearly indicate the English language proficiency of the student and state the number of years (hours per week and number of weeks per year) devoted to the study of the English language. In cases when the student is temporarily enrolled but is unable to understand the English language as used in the classrooms, the school district reserves the right to rescind the temporary enrollment.
5. Since the intent of the foreign exchange student program is the cultural exchange between students of the United States and students of other nations, foreign exchange students should not enroll in the schools of this district expecting to receive a graduation diploma from this district. However, these students may earn Carnegie units\* for the courses taken while they are enrolled in the schools of this district if they score a passing grade in the courses.
6. All applicants and/or agencies applying for enrollment and admission will be individually responsible to insure that all requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are met.
7. All applications shall have attached a resume of the host family with whom the student will be living during the school year. The resume shall contain the names and ages of all members of the host family, address, and telephone numbers where the host family adults may be reached during and after school hours.

\*Carnegie Unit - A standard measure of high school work indicating the minimum amount of time that instruction in a subject has been provided as defined in Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.

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