

Leon County Schools

International Exchange Student Application for 2020-2021 School Year

Instructions and Notes for Applications for Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year

1. Based on 2020-21 school capacity and enrollment projection information:
 - a. Exchange student applications will be accepted for Godby and Rickards High Schools. An exchange student residing with a host family living in the Godby or Rickards High School zone will be approved for enrollment at the host family's home zone school. Exception: If one of these high schools has already received five exchange students for 2020-21, students residing with a host family living in that school zone will be considered for placement at the other high school. If both of these high schools have received five exchange students for 2020-21, no additional student applications for either school will be accepted.
 - b. Exchange student applications will not be accepted for Chiles, Leon, or Lincoln High Schools. An exchange student residing with a host family living in the Chiles, Leon or Lincoln High School zone will be approved for enrollment at Godby or Rickards High School based on the host family's choice.
 - c. If a host family has a student in the family attending one of the district high schools, the application may be submitted requesting that the exchange student attend the same district high school.
2. In all cases, transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the host family. An exception may be made if district bus transportation is routinely provided from the address of the host family to the school of enrollment and there is space available on that bus.
3. Applications requesting enrollment in high school magnet programs are not considered at the district level. Once an exchange student has been approved for enrollment, exchange agency representatives may direct questions concerning enrollment in high school magnet programs to the administrator(s) of the particular magnet program/high school.
4. All documentation that is not in English must be submitted along with translated versions certified with the name and title of the translator. Translations provided by parents of exchange students or exchange agency personnel will not be accepted.
5. All required application information and documentation (identified by shaded boxes on the following pages) must be submitted at one time by the application due date of April 1, 2020 to:

Jamie Holleman
School Choice Office
725 S. Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Partial applications will be returned to the exchange agency representatives for completion and resubmission by the application due date of April 1, 2020. Exchange agency representatives will be notified of outcome of the application review by May 1, 2020.

Agency Information

Agency Name _____

Agency Address _____

Agency Telephone Number(s) _____

CSIET Advisory Listing Status _____

(Agency must have full listing status)

Documentation attached _____

Local Representative Name _____

Local Representative Address _____

Local Representative Telephone Number(s) _____

Local Representative Email Address _____

Alternative Representative Name _____

Alternative Representative Address _____

Alternative Representative Telephone Number(s) _____

Alternative Representative Email Address _____

Host Family Information

Host Family Name _____

Host Family Address _____

Documentation attached _____

Host Family Telephone Number(s) _____

Host Family Email Address _____

Host Family Child(-ren) Enrolled in Public High School for [2020-21](#) _____ Check if not applicable

Name: _____

School: _____

Name: _____

School: _____

Exchange Student Information

Exchange Student Name _____

Exchange Student Parent Name(s) _____

Exchange Student Parent Address _____

Exchange Student Parent Telephone Number(s) _____

Exchange Student Parent Email Address _____

Alternative Emergency Contact Name _____

Alternative Emergency Contact Address _____

Alternative Emergency Contact Telephone Number(s) _____

Alternative Emergency Contact Email Address _____

Exchange Student Date of Birth _____ Documentation attached

Official Secondary School Transcript (showing grades earned and courses in progress) _____ Documentation attached

Florida Certificate of Immunization completed by the Leon County Health Department or Florida licensed physician indicating compliance with requirements for school attendance. _____ Documentation attached

To be completed by EXCHANGE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

With regard to the information submitted, I solemnly swear and truthfully affirm that:

- I have reviewed all application information provided and verify that it is true and accurate.
- I have reviewed and understand the provisions of Leon County School Board Policy 5112 Admission of International Exchange Students and Leon County Schools Administrative Procedure D-14 International Students.
- The exchange agency I represent complies fully with the regulations outlined in 22 CFR Part 62 Secondary School Student Exchange Programs. I understand that any failure to comply with these regulations will result in denial/revocation of approval for any student for 2020-21 .
- I will provide documentation that the exchange agency I represent has maintained CSJET Advisory List full listing status for 2020-21 . I understand that the exchange agency's failure to maintain full listing status will result in the revocation of approval granted for any student for 2020-21 .

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

To be completed by NOTARY PUBLIC:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Title or Rank _____ Commission # _____

Personally known _____ or Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification _____ Identification Number _____

My Commission Expires: _____ (Place stamp below)

5112 Admission of International Exchange Students.

The admission of international exchange students to Leon County Schools shall be governed by this policy.

- (1) Leon County Schools does not issue Forms I-20 AB granting admission into the District.
- (2) Students who come to the District under the sponsorship of international student exchange programs with "full listing" status on the current year's Council for Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) Advisory List, or sponsored by a local civic services organization approved by the Superintendent, and whose complete applications have been received by the deadline specified in Administrative Procedure D-14, International Exchange Students, shall be enrolled for one full (180-day) academic year in grade 9, 10, or 11. Grade placement shall be determined by the District based on the student's chronological age, course work completed at the time of entry, English proficiency, and course availability.
- (3) All prospective international exchange students shall submit a fully executed Leon County Schools Exchange Student Application form with all required documentation as specified in Procedure D-14 by the deadline specified in said procedure.
- (4) No more than five (5) international exchange students will be admitted to a district high school for any one academic year. Admission will not be permitted to any school at or over 95% capacity, unless the host family has a student attending that school at the same time.
- (5) International students wishing to visit a school or shadow a Leon County student for a period of time not to exceed nine (9) weeks may be approved by the Superintendent under the following conditions:
 - (a) The international student is part of an officially recognized exchange program that Leon County students are participating in.
 - (b) Approval from the Superintendent and an appropriate visa have been obtained prior to the student making travel arrangements.
 - (c) The host family has a Leon County student who attends the school that the international student wishes to visit or shadow and all members of the family household have passed a district submitted criminal background check.
 - (d) A Florida Certificate of Immunization completed by the Leon County Health Department of Florida or a Florida licensed physician indicating that the exchange student meets the Florida immunization requirements for school attendance is provided to the school by the exchange agency.
 - (e) District discipline requirements must be met.
 - (f) The international student is not eligible to participate in co-curricular activities but may attend school events and/or field trips.
- (6) Failure to meet discipline or attendance requirements may result in a revocation of permission to attend Leon County Schools and notice to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Statutory authority: 1001.41, F.S.

Law implemented: 1001.42, F.S.

Amended: June 12, 1990; March 17, 1992; May 12, 1999; July 12, 2000; December 9, 2003; February 14, 2007; June 25, 2008; December 13, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Type of Procedure: Instructional/Student Service

Title: International Exchange Students

Authority: 1001.41, F.S.

Fla. Statute: 1001.42, F.S.

State Board Rule: N/A

Procedure No.: D-14

Policy No.: 5112

Date Issued: 9/27/11

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Purpose:

To provide procedures for students entering Leon County Schools as participants in international exchange programs.

Procedures:

1. Leon County Schools does not issue Forms I-20 AB granting admission into the district.
2. Admission requests for international exchange students must be submitted by the sponsoring international exchange program to the Student Services Department by June 1 (or the prior Friday if June 1 falls on Saturday or Sunday) for the subsequent academic year. The Student Services Department director/designee, working in conjunction with the appropriate district high school administrator, will review each admission request on a first-come, first-served basis and notify the international exchange program's local representative of the outcome of the review by July 1.
3. Applications will be accepted only from international exchange programs with "full listing" status documented on the current year's Council for Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) Advisory List or sponsored by a local civic services organization approved by the Superintendent.
4. The international exchange program requesting placement of an exchange student shall provide the following documentation – translated, if in a foreign language, into English -- to the Student Services Department by June 1:
 - a. Fully executed Leon County Schools Exchange Student Application;
 - b. Evidence of the international exchange program's CSIET status;
 - c. International exchange program directory information, and local representative directory/contact information;
 - d. Local host family directory/contact information, including names and grades of any child(ren) enrolled in a district high school;
 - e. Exchange student family directory/contact information;
 - f. Evidence of exchange student date of birth;
 - g. Official transcripts showing coursework completed and in progress and grades earned by the exchange student;
 - h. Florida Certificate of Immunization completed by the Leon County Health Department or Florida licensed physician indicating that the exchange student meets Florida immunization requirements for school attendance. On a case-by-case basis, applications may be submitted for review with an official immunization record completed by a licensed physician in the student's country of origin pending completion of the Florida Certificate of Immunization. Completion of the Florida Certificate of Immunization is the responsibility of the exchange agency;

Leon County Schools Exchange Student Application forms may be obtained from the Student Services Department. The district may request that the international exchange program provide translations or clarifications of information submitted as appropriate. The exchange agency will have 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of request to submit all additional information to the Student Services Department. In the event the additional information is not submitted within 30 (thirty) calendar days, the exchange student application will be denied.

5. Applications requesting any of the following will not be accepted:

- a. Placement of an exchange student in a district high school for less than a full (180-day) district academic year;
- b. Placement of an exchange student in a district high school for more than a full (180-day) district academic year (i.e., exchange students enrolled in the district for one academic year are not eligible for enrollment in the district for any subsequent full or partial academic year);
- c. Placement of an exchange student in grade 12;
- d. Placement of an exchange student who has reached his/her 18th birthday, or who would reach his/her 18th birthday during the prospective academic year of enrollment in the district;
- e. Placement of an exchange student who will have completed high school or its equivalent prior to the prospective academic year of enrollment in the district;
- f. Placement of an exchange student in a district high school that is at or over 95 percent capacity (see paragraph 6);
- g. Placement of a student in a district high school that has already accepted five (5) exchange students for the prospective academic year of enrollment;
- h. Placement of a student for whom the required documentation is not available; and/or
- i. Placement of an exchange student who began a school year in a non-district high school and wishes to "transfer" to a district high school.

6. Approved international exchange students shall be enrolled in a district high school as follows:

- a. The exchange student will be enrolled based on the identified host family's home address, provided the host family's home zone high school is below 95 percent capacity.
- b. If the home zone high school is at or above 95 percent capacity, consideration will be given to enrolling the exchange student at any district high school that is below 95 percent capacity with transportation the responsibility of the host family.
- c. If the home zone high school is at or above 95 percent capacity and the host family will have a child enrolled in the home zone high school during the exchange student's prospective academic year of enrollment, consideration will be given to enrolling the exchange student in the home zone high school, with transportation the responsibility of the host family.
- d. If the host family has a high school-age child reassigned to a school out of zone, consideration will be given to placing the exchange student in the same school, with transportation the responsibility of the host family.

7. If an international exchange student is suspended from school for failure to follow school rules and regulations, permission to attend Leon County Schools may be immediately revoked.

8. International students will be governed by the Florida High School Activities Association rules and regulations regarding participation in interscholastic athletic competition.

9. International exchange students are not eligible for enrollment in driver education classes.

10. It is solely the responsibility of the exchange agency to ensure that the exchange student is proficient in English. Any assistance or support that the student requires in order to be successful in his/her coursework is entirely the responsibility of the sponsoring agency.