Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

STUDENTS

Foreign Exchange Students

It is the policy of the Board to recognize the benefits from non-immigrant students in the District. The Board does not, however, sponsor student foreign exchange programs. The District does not provide any financial contribution to the student. The Board assumes no responsibility or control over items such as travel, living accommodations, funding, insurance, etc., which remain the responsibility of the sponsor and/or student.

J-1 visa holders (students sponsored by an approved foreign exchange organization) are eligible to attend either elementary or secondary school. Any sponsoring organization must have a local representative, be a nonprofit organization, and be approved by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel. F-1 visa holders (individual foreign students sponsored by relatives or friends) may not attend the District.

The number of foreign exchange students attending Prairie Jr./Sr. High School at one time shall not exceed 3% of the total high school enrollment. The Board reserves the right to withdraw approval and regulate the number of students participating.

Any exchange student program wishing to place students in the District must submit an application and gain approval prior to the placement of any student, in conformance with the open enrollment procedure. Sponsoring organizations shall provide to the District all necessary information pertinent to the exchange student who plans to attend school in the District, and may deny admittance to any exchange student or exchange student program.

The exchange student will be expected to follow by all rules, regulations, policies, and fees required of regular resident students.

Foreign exchange students who complete their senior year at the high school will be eligible for an honorary high school diploma and may take part in the end of the year graduation ceremonies.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 221, et seq. Instructions of Citizens from American Republics; Government Maintained Professional Educational Institutions

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