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ORHS Foreign Exchange Student Procedures & Guidelines

Oyster River High School utilized the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET) as a model in the creation of these guidelines and procedures on International Student Exchange Programs.

The goal of cross-cultural experiences is to allow Oyster River High School students the opportunity to learn about cultures, languages, and customs different from their own. It is one way in which ORHS students can become global citizens, opening their minds to new perspectives, and creating connections with others throughout our world.

Oyster River High School Procedures and Criteria:

- Foreign Exchange Students must be no younger than 15 years of age and no older than 18 years of age as of October 1st of the requested school year to be considered.
- Foreign Exchange Students must not have graduated from high school in their home country.
- Foreign Exchange Students must be sponsored by an Oyster River High School-approved exchange program. *Please refer to the Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs outlined by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). Visit www.csiet.org to obtain the latest information.* Oyster River High School reserves the right to work with exchange organizations that have met Oyster River High School's criteria and have proven their commitment and responsiveness.
- Requests for placement as a Foreign Exchange Student at Oyster River High School and all corresponding documentation/paperwork must be received by Oyster River High School prior to June 1st of the requested school year.
- The sponsoring program and family must meet with the Oyster River High School Principal or designee after producing the appropriate documentation and paperwork. This does not guarantee acceptance as a Foreign Exchange Student.
- The organization/exchange program is fully responsible for the full scope of the program, including but not limited to providing the requested Foreign Exchange Student's J-1 Visa information, medical information, custodial information, academic information, and housing.
- Oyster River High School may accept a maximum of 3 Foreign Exchange Students each school year. ORHS reserves the right to accept fewer than 3 Foreign Exchange students per school year, depending upon Oyster River High School student enrollment and access to courses availability.

Cross Reference:

JFABB – Foreign Exchange Students

IKF – Graduation

IKFC – High School Diploma – Alternative Program