

# Williamson County Board of Education

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Enrollment of Foreign Students

1 Foreign students may be accepted into the Williamson County School District.

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- 3 I. Students in an authorized foreign exchange program:
- 4 A. Must possess a valid "J" passport issued by the U.S. Department of State;
- 5 B. Must enroll for at least one semester and no more than one school year;
- 6 C. Must reside with a Williamson County sponsoring family;
- 7 D. Must obtain, prior to departure from their native country, an authorization for school
- 8 attendance signed by the school principal in the school zone where their host family
- 9 resides (the sponsoring agency or the host family may secure this authorization);
- 10 E. Must be approved by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services through a
- 11 recognized foreign exchange organization; and
- 12 F. Must be approved by the Superintendent.
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15 Students in this authorized foreign exchange program will not pay tuition. Each high school may

16 accept up to three (3) students per sponsoring agency, but no more than five (5) total foreign

17 exchange students during any semester, except with approval from the Superintendent.

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19 Generally, the purpose for the foreign exchange program is for students to benefit from cultural

20 exchange—not to graduate from high school; however, a student may be considered for

21 matriculation if he/she meets the requirements for graduation. A foreign exchange student must

22 provide a transcript of coursework completed in their native country, translated into English that

23 contains the courses that the student passed, and the number of days and hours the course(s)

24 met. The transcript will be evaluated by school counselors utilizing 133 clock hours for one unit of

25 credit. All other requirements for graduation must be met including completion, with passing

26 scores, of all required tests and other state examinations, and any Williamson County Board of

27 Education requirements. No course may be substituted for meeting a requirement without

28 approval of the Superintendent or designee, and in consultation with the State Department of

29 Education.

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33 II. Other foreign students:

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- 35 A. Williamson County Schools will not issue I-20 forms for foreign students who are not part of
- 36 a formal exchange program.
- 37 B. A school age child of a foreign national family residing within the Williamson County School
- 38 District is authorized to attend school without tuition.
- 39 C. Enrollment of other categories of foreign students will be determined on a case by case
- 40 basis. Residency requirements shall be used in making a determination.
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43 Cross Reference:

44 4.6051 Credit Requirements for Graduation

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