

The District is authorized under Federal law to enroll F-1 nonimmigrant international students

A. Admission

The district can admit students who complete an international student application and provide support documents in compliance with current district requirement (see district website for current list of required support documentation). Application paperwork must meet requirements set forth by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to substantiate issuance by the district of the form I-20. International students must verify that sufficient funds are available to cover all required academic, living, medical, transportation, and other expenses connected with their stay in the United States.

With guidance from BP 5010, the district shall admit international students to academic credits classes who are:

- Eighteen years of age or older and able to benefit from credit instruction, or
- The holder of a high school diploma or equivalent. International students under the age of 18 must live with a parent(s) or legal guardian in the United States. An affidavit of legal guardianship is required before approving international student admission.

International students transferring from schools in the United States shall be in active F-1 visa status and eligible for school transfer following SEVP School transfer guidelines. The District will consider accepting transfer students with a terminated SEVIS record only if they meet the following two criteria:

- Student meets criteria for reinstatement as outlined in SEVP regulations, and
- Terminated F-1 student is approved for admission from the dean of admissions and student support.

B. English Language Proficiency

International student applicants whose native language is not English shall demonstrate appropriate English skills prior to admission into district academic credit programs. A list of approved English as a Foreign language test scores and certifications are listed on the district website.

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Title 8, U.S. Code §§1101. et seq.
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C. Residence Determination

Residence determination shall be decided based upon review of whether student holds a visa that requires the student have a residence outside of the U.S. or entered the U.S. under a visa that permits entry solely for a temporary purpose.

Exemptions from non-resident tuition may be considered as authorized by Education Code Section 76140(a), (2) for financial need.

Reference:

Education Code Sections 76140, 76141 and 76142;
Title 5 Section 54045; and Title 8,
U.S. Code Sections 1101. et seq.
U.S. Code Title 8, section 214