

Bigfork School District #38

STUDENTS

3145

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 Bigfork High School at one time shall not exceed 1% of the total high school enrollment. The Board reserves the right to withdraw approval and regulate the number of students participating.

The Building Principals are authorized to seek references, consider past District experience with a sponsoring organization, and approve or deny exchange student placement requests.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 221, et seq.

Policy History:

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