REGULATION 6145.6: INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Comparison Chart Section: Instruction

SUMMARY OF UPDATE

Summary of Update: Regulation reflects the requirement to provide the placement organization with written acceptance of a student's enrollment, clarifies that a student's enrollment may be for one semester or one year, and adds optional language regarding the provision of a school transcript.

PARA	Section	Sub-Section	July 11, 2005 CURRENT VERSION	July 2019 REVISED VERSION	CSBA MODIFICATIONS and/or NOTES
			<u>Admission</u>	No change	CSBA NOTE: The following optional administrative regulation is for use by districts that maintain secondary schools and accept enrollment of international students through approved programs sponsored by International Student Exchange Placement Organizations.
				Prior to enrolling an international exchange student, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the International Student Exchange Placement Organization with written acceptance for the enrollment, including arrangements concerning the payment of tuition or the waiver of the tuition if applicable.	
1			In order to approve the admission of a foreign exchange student, the Superintendent or designee must receive a written request for enrollment before the end of the preceding school year.	In order to approve the admission of an international exchange student, the Superintendent or designee must receive a written request for enrollment before the end of the preceding school year.	CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to set a date by which the request for enrollment must be received.
			Enrollment shall be for one year only.	Enrollment shall be for one semester or one school year.	

2		All foreign exchange students must meet state and district immunization requirements.	All international exchange students shall meet state and district immunization requirements.	
		<u>Athletics</u>	No change	
1		International exchange students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic sports if their sponsoring program is listed in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) bylaws. Participation by other foreign students must be approved by the CIF section.	International exchange students shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic sports in accordance with state bylaws of the California Interscholastic Federation as well as applicable section bylaws.	CSBA NOTE: State bylaws of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) list eligibility requirements for participation by international exchange students in interscholastic athletics. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requiring that the student has been placed with a host family by an exchange program accepted for listing by the Council for Standards for International Educational Travel and approved by the CIF, California Attorney General's Office, and U.S. Department of State. Individual CIF section bylaws may have additional requirements.
		Transfer of Credits	Delete	
1		Students who seek graduation credits for academic work completed in a foreign country must provide the Superintendent or designee with official transcripts, translated into English, which indicate:	Delete	
	1	Classes successfully completed	Delete	
	2	The amount of time each class met and the total number of class periods held during the grading period, and	Delete	
	3	A descriptive or numerical evaluation of the student's academic performance	Delete	
2		At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may assign pass or fail grades whenever the above transcript provides descriptive evaluations rather than letter or numerical grades.	Delete	

	<u>Diplomas</u>	No change	
1	International exchange students may be considered for a diploma if they have satisfactorily completed the district's graduation requirements.	No change	
2	International exchange students who are not eligible for a regular diploma may receive an honorary diploma, provided they have completed at least one semester of full-time enrollment and achieved at least a 2.0 grade point average.	No change	CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 51225.5, the Governing Board may grant an honorary diploma to international exchange students who have completed the course of study required for graduation and are returning to their home countries following completion of one school year. Honorary diplomas must be distinguishable from the district's regular diploma. See BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements. The following optional paragraph provides standards for the granting of the honorary diploma and should be revised to reflect district practice.
3	At the discretion of the principal or designee, international exchange students who do not meet requirements for a regular or an honorary diploma may, at the end of their visit, be given a letter certifying the time period for which they were enrolled.	International exchange students who do not meet requirements for a regular or an honorary diploma may, at the end of their visit, be given a certificate or letter certifying the time period for which they were enrolled as well as a transcript documenting their completed coursework.	

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