

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Any foreign student is eligible for acceptance into the foreign exchange student program provided he/she is participating through an agency endorsed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and is sponsored by an individual or organization in Sevier County. Before approval by the Sevier County Board of Education, the exchange program representative must make written application on behalf of the student in the local school serving the host family. No foreign exchange student will be brought into the United States by the sponsor unless he/she has been accepted in writing as a student by the principal of the school in which he/she is to be enrolled. The school may accept the student after determining the following:

1. The student will have a sufficient command of the English language to enable them to participate in the general curriculum;
2. Appropriate curriculum offerings can be provided for the student; and
3. An overcrowded situation will not be further aggravated.

Prior to enrolling a foreign student, the principal will require, in addition to a valid student visa, the following documentation:

1. Citizenship;
2. Birth date;
3. Health/immigration records;
4. Custody (including phone number, name, and address of person responsible for the student); and
5. School records, including a transcript of academics (in English).

Admission requirements and all other considerations and expectations will be the same for foreign students as for United States students. Students will be accepted only in grades 9-12. No more than four (4) foreign exchange students and no more than two (2) students of the same nationality will be accepted in any one school.

Students must have had acceptable academic achievement in their native countries and must have been screened for maturity and ability to get the maximum benefit from an exchange program. Exchange students must have adequate command of the English language and be able to function without special assistance in regular classes. The principal will be responsible for assignment to the appropriate grade level.

Each school will name a faculty member as a student representative to serve as a liaison between the school and the exchange program agency and as an adviser to each exchange student.

The sponsoring individual/organization will provide evidence to the school that the student will receive adequate financial support for the duration of his/her stay. Exchange students will not be eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, nor will schools hold fund-raising events to pay expenses incurred by exchange students.