

Students

Foreign Exchange Students

The Ledyard Board of Education encourages international studies. Students are encouraged to participate in international exchange programs and other activities that advance cultural awareness and promote mutual understanding and respect for the citizens of other countries. To this end, the Board supports the attendance of non-immigrant students in District schools subject to the limitations of this policy.

Foreign students, who have entered the United States on a one-year exchange visitor (J-1) visa and who are residing with families in the community, may apply for enrollment on a non-tuition basis in the District schools by submitting a written request to the Superintendent no later than August 1 of the school year for which the student plans to enter school.

Foreign students desiring to attend Ledyard High School under a non-immigrant student (F-1) visa must submit a written request to the Superintendent no later than six months prior to the start of the semester for which the student plans to enter school. If accepted to attend Ledyard High School, the student must pay in full the unsubsidized per capita education cost as determined by the Superintendent prior to applying for the F-1 visa. The District is prohibited by law from waiving any portion of the tuition fee of students on F-1 visas.

Foreign students desiring to attend Ledyard Public Schools under either a non-immigrant student (F-1) visa or an exchange visitor (J-1) visa must not have earned the equivalent of a high school diploma from a foreign school system and shall be sufficiently fluent in English so that he/she would not require any special language services, such as English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction. Additionally, the school must have room for the student and be able to accommodate him/her without incurring additional costs.

The following rules apply to foreign students who have been approved to attend District schools:

1. Non-immigrant students must abide by all Board policies and regulations unless otherwise exempted by law .
2. The student may not be enrolled for more than one year, twelve (12) months.
3. Students who are placed in grade 12 will only receive an honorary diploma.
4. The student may be eligible to play sports if he/she meets the CIAC criteria.
5. If the student is not participating in and/or regularly attending the school program or is disruptive to the school program, the student may be disenrolled.
6. Whenever a student attending District schools under an F-1 or J-1 visa is disenrolled, either by the administration or at the request of persons having control of the student, such action shall be reported to the U.S. Department of State.

The Superintendent has the authority to limit the number of students in any school year that are approved to attend District schools under F-1 or J-1 visas.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-27 – International studies, exchange programs.

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1184 – Admission of Non-Immigrants

Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 214 – Non-Immigrant Classes

Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 62 – Exchange Visitor Program

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