

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

The following guidelines are relative to the admittance of foreign students to Rapid City High Schools:

- I. The program shall be a member of CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel). This is a not-for-profit organization committed to quality international educational travel and exchange. It establishes standards for organizations operating international educational travel and exchange programs at the high school level, monitors compliance with those standards, and disseminates information regarding international educational travel organizations. Membership is open to travel and exchange organizations, educational groups and individuals that support CSIET's goals and objectives. The sponsoring organization must have a local (greater Black Hills area) representative available for student and host families.
- II. The program sponsor shall secure prior written acceptance from the school principal or designee in order to confirm the assignment. The sponsor will obtain necessary J-1 exchange visa.
- III. At the time of approval, a decision will be made as to the appropriate class placement for the student. This will be accomplished after a thorough review of student transcripts. Students must have earned an equivalent of sixteen (16) approved credits or more to attain senior status and must meet the twenty-two (22) unit graduation requirements to be eligible for a diploma. Recommended classes include, but are not limited to, the following: one credit in English and one credit in U.S. history, civics, and/or U.S. government. Students are expected to participate in at least one school/extra-curricular/community activity. Upon completion of the exchange program school component, the student will be awarded a certificate in lieu of a diploma from the appropriate high school.
- IV. Students will not be approved unless they have a reasonable command of the English language. The school may request an audiotape/videotape/CD of English proficiency prior to the decision regarding approval.
- V. All transcript and other information shall be translated to English by the sponsoring agency.
- VI. Each school may accept a maximum of ten (10) students a year.

- VII. "Rapid City CSIET" representatives and RCAS foreign language educator representatives will meet annually to review procedures, guidelines, and concerns. This group will serve as a resource for host families and for RCAS foreign exchange students visiting overseas and for foreign exchange students visiting our district. The director of student achievement will call the annual meeting and other meetings as needed.
- VIII. Rapid City high school students attending schools abroad may receive credit toward graduation if the appropriate Rapid City principal or designee grants approval. Credit may be granted to high school students for educational courses completed during summer study exchanges if approval has been granted by the appropriate Rapid City principal or designee.
- IX. All arrangements for registration of students must be completed prior to August 1 for fall semester admission or prior to December 15 for spring semester admission.
- X. Those students that do not meet the above conditions shall be required to pay the full annual tuition.

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