

IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Foreign Exchange Student Policy

(Adopted: 08/20/2002)

PURPOSE:

This Policy states the position of the Iroquois School District regarding the admission and acceptance of foreign exchange students. Foreign exchange students have been a welcome addition to the Iroquois School District. Iroquois students benefit as much as, if not more than, the visiting student.

DEFINITION:

Recent enactments and clarifications of Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations have caused genuine concern regarding continuation of the foreign exchange student program. Title 22, Chapter 4, Section 4.26 of the Curriculum Regulations requires that the school district provide a program for every student who is limited English proficient. It clearly states that the education of students whose language is not English is the responsibility of every school district in the Commonwealth. It does apply to foreign exchange students as well as those students of foreign origin who reside in the District.

GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will determine foreign exchange student acceptance into the Iroquois School District:

1. No more than three (3) foreign exchange students will be accepted by the District during an academic year.
2. Students from foreign countries must provide data indicating that they have command of the English language.
3. The Iroquois School District will not assume responsibility for any expenses that may occur if it appears necessary to provide ESL (English as a Second Language) services to the foreign exchange student.
4. Upon enrollment in the District, the School District will require that the foreign exchange student display proficiency on the first level assessment of the Woodcock Language Survey administered by the School District or its designee.

5. In the event that the foreign exchange student does not display required proficiency, the foreign exchange student's sponsoring agency will assume all costs incurred by the Iroquois School District to provide ESL services to that student.
6. The sponsoring agency must sign an agreement to accept financial responsibility for any ESL services prior to acceptance of the foreign exchange student by the District.
7. ESL costs may include but are not limited to direct instructional fees, transportation, materials, and translation fees.