

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

To promote cultural awareness and understanding international exchange students may attend Clinton High School. Qualified international exchange students may attend Clinton High School if they and their sponsoring organization or agency meets guidelines established by the Board of Education and the Council on Standards for International Travel.

When accepting international exchange students the high school principal shall seek to enroll students from a variety of nations and from a variety of sponsoring organizations and agencies. The high school principal may accept international exchange students on a J-1 Visa who will reside within the school district as a participant in a sponsored exchange program. Only students sponsored by an organization or agency approved by the high school principal may be accepted. The high school principal may accept international exchange students on an F-1 Visa upon payment of tuition at the established district rate.

To maintain the ability to provide an appropriate and meaningful educational experience the number of international exchange students will be limited to no more than five students per school year. All international exchange students seeking to attend Clinton High School must be represented by an approved sponsoring agency or organization and approved by the CHS principal prior to February 1.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 282.1 (2009)
Iowa Code § 279.8 (2014)
1930 Op. Att'y Gen. 153
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Cross Reference: 501 Student Attendance
501.1 Resident Students
501.2 Nonresident Students
507.1 Student Health and Immunization Certificates

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International exchange students seeking to attend Clinton High School must meet the following criteria:

- Each student must be sponsored by an approved organization or agency.
- Each student must provide Clinton High School with an academic transcript that has been translated into English.
- The student must be at least 15 years of age but not be more than 18 and one-half years of age at the time of enrollment.
- The student must not have the equivalent of a high school diploma from a foreign school system.
- The students must have a sufficient level of English language proficiency to be able to attend classes without support services.
- The student is expected to follow all policies, rules, procedures, and expectations established by the Board of Education.
- The student must follow all health immunization regulations.

Organizations or agencies seeking to place an international exchange student at Clinton High School must meet the following criteria:

- Sponsors must secure written approval from the high school principal prior to the enrollment of any exchange student. Under no circumstances will an exchange student be enrolled for whom prior written acceptance has not been secured.
- Sponsors must provide the school with a translated “written English language summary” of the exchange student’s complete academic course work prior to enrollment.
- Each sponsoring organization or agency must have a local representative located within 120 miles of Clinton authorized to act on the sponsor’s behalf in both routine and emergency matters.
- No organizational representative may act as both host family and area supervisor.
- The sponsoring organization or agency must have a history of responding appropriately and effectively to problems that may arise with an international exchange student.
- The sponsoring organization or agency must maintain a monthly schedule of personal contact with the student and host family and the school throughout the school year.
- The sponsoring organization or agency must have a history of completing paperwork and successfully meeting required deadlines.
- The sponsoring organization or agency is responsible for maintaining an appropriate local residence for the international exchange student. Under no circumstance may more than two exchange students be placed with one host family.
- Sponsoring organizations or agencies may not facilitate the enrollment of more than five exchange students.

International exchange students will be placed in a grade commensurate with the number of credits earned, prior educational experience and background, and the number of years enrolled in a secondary school.

International exchange students classified as a senior (12th grade), may participate in commencement exercises and will be presented with an Honorary Diploma. An official transcript will be sent to the student’s home school when proper authorization has been received by the Clinton Community School District.