

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Department of Planning and Student Services

Guidelines for Foreign Student Registration (Reference AS66)
(Please read ALL guidelines thoroughly)

All foreign students must be approved for enrollment through the Jordan School District's Department of Planning and Student Services prior to registration. Placement of the student in a school should be arranged at least five weeks in advance of the student's departure from their native country. The student's grade placement will be at the grade level in which they would be placed had they not left their country, i.e. if they were entering the twelfth grade in their country, they would be placed in the twelfth grade in Jordan School District.

It is not the intent nor is it financially possible to expend the support for ESL Services instruction for foreign students. If foreign students are having difficulty speaking or understanding the English language, they may be placed in classes that do not require as much language proficiency. Foreign language students are not eligible to participate in ESL services. **Foreign students who have previously graduated from high school or equivalent, or whose class has graduated, will not be eligible for enrollment.**

A cap on the number of foreign exchange students the district may accept is set by the Utah State Office of Education. If the cap on foreign exchange students has been reached, the school will accept one-for-one exchange students who use the same exchange agency and are attending each other's school during the same school year for one year or less.

Foreign Exchange Students (J-1 status)

These students are issued a J-1 visa by immigration. A "J-1 foreign exchange student" means a foreign national secondary student who has entered the United States for up to **ONE YEAR** for a cultural and educational experience and whose placement is approved by the Jordan School District Board of Education. Students are placed by the exchange program with a Utah family which serves as the host family during the period of sponsorship.

The tuition for a "J-1 foreign exchange student" to attend Jordan School District is no longer paid by the student. However, foreign exchange students are required to pay school registration fees at the school which are approximately \$250 in addition to other fees for activities they choose to engage in.

J-1 FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. These students do not participate in graduation exercises; however principals are encouraged to recognize them.

J-1 FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR ENROLLMENT IN DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES. They sign documents stating that they understand this when they register with the district. During the school year, some students change host families and schools. Those that change families will need to have the approval of the representative of the agency that sponsors them, and approval from the Department of Planning and Student Services.

J-1 Foreign Exchange Students must maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA with no more than one (1) F per quarter. If a J-1 student falls below a 2.0 GPA, the placing agency must provide tutoring for the student at the placement agency's expense.

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<http://www.uhsaa.org/publications/forms/a-z.html>

International students not in an approved exchange program will be processed for eligibility according to the Transfer Rule (see UHSAA Handbook, Interpretations and Guidelines #8-K).

J-1 Foreign Exchange Student Eligibility Application Form 4A

ELIGIBILITY: The prospective athlete must answer the following questions. Check "Yes" or "No."

Yes ___ No ___ Are you a Foreign Exchange Student (J-1 Visa) or an International Student (F-1 Visa)?
If you answered YES, did the UHSAA approve your participation (Form 4A or 4B)? Yes ___ No ___

UHSAA Requested Attachments

Attach the following:

- a) A copy of student's birth certificate or passport.
- b) A copy of student's certificate of health insurance issued by a U.S. company.
- c) A copy of student's immigration documents including his/her visa.
- d) A copy of student's untranslated transcript.
- e) A copy of an English translation and analysis of the student's transcript(s) by an acceptable agency.
- f) Supply a timeline of student's education (kindergarten or first grade through present). Include year, name and address of school(s).
- g) Provide a letter from foreign school indicating recommended placement of equivalent grade level in U.S.A.
- h) Provide a letter from current U.S.A. school explaining reasons for academic placement (grade and semester level).

Foreign Students with Visa Status other than J-1 or F-1

Students in this category are required to consult with the Department of Planning and Student Services in advance of enrollment in order to clarify and establish enrollment requirements and educational expectations.