

Students

NONRESIDENT FOREIGN STUDENTS

Definitions

F-1 Visa Students: An F-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant visa category intended for use by nonresident aliens whose primary purpose for visiting the United States is to study at an academic school. (8 USC 1184)

J-1 Visa Students: A J-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant exchange student who has come to the United States to study for a specific period of time under the sponsorship of a government approved agency. (8 USC 1184)

Nonimmigrant foreign students may be admitted to the United States for a temporary stay for the purpose of study.

F-1 Visa Students

The Superintendent or designee shall, on behalf of the district, seek and obtain from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) certification of eligibility to enroll nonimmigrant foreign students in district schools and recertification for the continuing eligibility of the district every two years. (8 CFR 214.3)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may accept for admission into any of grades 9-12 any nonimmigrant foreign student with or seeking an F-1 visa. Any such student shall be admitted for a maximum of one year and shall pay the district the full, unsubsidized per-student cost of attendance at the school. (8 USC 1184)

In determining whether to admit the student, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether the following conditions exist: (8 CFR 214.3, 22 CFR 41.61)

1. A suitable program exists at the school the student has selected
2. The student's English proficiency is sufficient for successful study at that school
3. Space is available at the school
4. The student has provided proof of financial responsibility

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In addition to fulfilling all other requirements for school entry, the student shall submit evidence that he/she has been fully immunized in accordance with California law.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall retain and, when required, report to DHS any records for nonimmigrant foreign students required for the operation of the SEVP. Upon request, he/she also shall furnish to DHS representatives other records maintained by the district for nonimmigrant foreign students. (8 CFR 214.3)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any individual dealing with enrollment of nonimmigrant foreign students is trained on the use of the Student Exchange Visitor Information System.

- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
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- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 6145.6 – International Exchange)
- (cf. 5111.1 – District Residency)
- (cf. 6200 – Adult Education)
- (cf. 5141.31 – Immunizations)

Legal Reference:

- EDUCATION CODE
- 48050-48054 Nonresidents
- UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8
- 1184 Foreign students
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
- 214.3 Petition for school approval
- 214.4 Withdrawal of school approval
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
- 41.61 Students; academic and nonacademic

Management Resources:

- CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES
- 0319.97 Amendments to F-1 Student Visa Requirements, LO: 1-97
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