

## F-101R (Poultney High School Only)

### **Procedures: International Exchange Students (Poultney High School Only)**

1. Limited International Student Exchange(s): The high school sponsors programs which offer students the opportunity to spend various amounts of time in foreign countries with the supervision of faculty. During this period of time, students may attend a school in this country while temporarily living with host families, which have students of approximately the same age and grade level. These programs are established to be learning activities for students of a world language and are intended to provide academic and cultural enrichment to the curriculum. In order to participate, students must also be in good academic standing and have demonstrated responsible character and citizenship.
2. Standard International Student Exchange: Occasionally, Poultney High School may express an interest in spending a longer period of time in an exchange. Also, several private student exchange organizations (e.g. Youth for Understanding) may recruit our students to live abroad or want to place international students in Poultney homes and subsequently in the school district. The Poultney School Board supports such exchange programs lasting a full school year under the following conditions:
  - a. Exchange organizations must be endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
  - b. The international student must carry a full academic schedule for two semesters of study.
  - c. The international student has demonstrated scholastic and interpersonal skills with evidence of English proficiency
  - d. The host student and family are able to provide the emotional and daily support necessary for the international student have a successful experience
  - e. International students who desire a Poultney High School diploma at the conclusion of their experience must meet all graduation requirements and achieve a score to be determined by school administration on the TOEFL Exam.
3. **Application Process:** Families in Poultney who would like to host an international student are expected to request permission from the Superintendent of Schools no later than July 1, preceding the academic year in which the exchange is to take place. With the exception of the supervised "Limited International Student Exchanges, approval of exchange student placement will be limited to a full academic year experience, and no more than two international student will be accepted.
4. **Waiver of Tuition:** Waiver approval for students holding a J-1 visa shall be granted at the discretion of the Board of School Directors.

**Poultney High School-** Students intending to attend Poultney Town School District must be in residence one week prior to beginning of school. The Poultney Town School District authorizes the Superintendent to waive tuition from no more than two (2) international exchange students consistent with procedures above. Approved 7/21/09.