

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**  
**Students**  
**597**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to address issues related to foreign exchange students at Parkers Prairie High School.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Board of Education of District 547 recognizes the educational value of participating in foreign exchange student programs. Through such programs, Parkers Prairie students obtain a greater understanding of the culture, history and perspectives of others. Moreover, the District recognizes the national importance of having young people from foreign countries gain a greater understanding of the American people and their culture.

**III. GUIDELINES**

1. Parkers Prairie High School will accept a maximum of four exchange students per year. Placements shall not exceed one year.
2. Foreign exchange students and their host families must have the prior approval of the secondary principal before enrollment at Parkers Prairie High School may take place.
3. Foreign exchange students, who are approved for enrollment, will be placed in the junior class.
4. All foreign exchange students must be sponsored by reputable and established agencies that have been approved by the Board Curriculum Committee.
5. The Board Curriculum Committee reserves the right to work with exchange organizations that it perceives to have demonstrated a commitment to the District's standards.
6. Agencies and their local representatives are responsible for placing students in resident homes that have the capacity to create a warm, caring, positive, healthy and supportive environment.
7. All traditional school fees and related expenses not normally incurred by the school will either be paid by the exchange student, the host family or the sponsoring agency.
8. All foreign exchange student agreements with sponsoring agencies shall be recognized as "at will" agreements. Should the agreement no longer be mutually in the best interests of the student or the school, the secondary principal may make a recommendation to the Board Curriculum Committee for dissolution. Any expenses associated with a termination of agreement rest entirely with the sponsoring agency.
9. All school policies, rules, and regulations required of traditional students shall apply to foreign exchange students.
10. Foreign exchange students desiring to participate in extracurricular activities must meet local standards and the international student guidelines of the Minnesota State High School League.