

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The School Committee recognizes the many educational and cultural benefits that are derived when international students attend Chariho Regional High School. Accordingly, the following guidelines will be used to accept students with F-1 and J-1 visas.

1. International students planning to attend Chariho Regional High School must notify the school department, through his/her host family or agency, at least one month prior to enrollment.
2. For students with a J-1 visa, affiliation is required with a program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and/or the National Association of Secondary School Principals. For students with a F-1 visa, the student must pay tuition (average of combined local and state share of each member town) prior to enrollment.
3. Factors detailed in the Residency Requirements Policy shall be considered when admitting an International Student.
4. International students who attend Chariho Regional High School must be proficient in the English language, since all classes use English as the basic language and the benefits of enrollment require this proficiency. International students will not be eligible for enrollment in classes formed for the purpose of delivering specialized instruction to learn English. Students requiring specialized English instruction may be required to secure the services of a tutor, at their expense.
5. A class ranking will not be calculated international students.
6. The District reserves the right to discontinue the enrollment of an international student who violates the Attendance Policy, or commits a disciplinary infraction as specified in the Endangering Behavior or Substance Abuse sections or when there are multiple infractions of other sections of the Standards for Student Behavior Policy, or when the student violates federal or state law.
7. Students who meet the Chariho Regional High School graduation requirements will be allowed to fully participate in the graduation ceremony and will be issued a Chariho Regional High School diploma.
8. Chariho Regional High School may limit the number of international students at its sole discretion.
9. A copy of this policy will be forwarded to all educational exchange programs listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and will be provided to all students and hosts upon enrollment.

Definitions:

The Exchange Visitor Program (J-1) fosters global understanding through educational and cultural exchanges. All exchange visitors are expected to return to their home country upon completion of their program in order to share their exchange experiences. (U.S. Department of State)

The F-1 Visa (Academic Student) allows [entry into] the United States as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution or in a language training program. [Enrollment must be] in a program or course of study that culminates in a degree, diploma, or certificate and your school must be authorized by the U.S. government to accept international students. (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)

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