

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: **DATE:** September 29, 2023

TOPIC/TITLE: 09.12 AP.22 Language Waiver

PRESENTER: Garet Wells *GW*

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- DATE:
- ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board policy 02.432 allows for the Board to waive a policy.

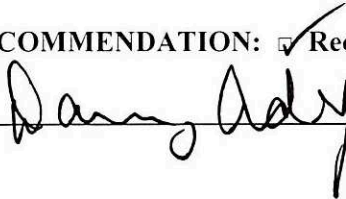
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

Requesting the Board waive language in procedure 09.12 AP.22 that states "All students' entrance shall be approved prior to the first day of the school year." for an extenuating circumstance. We typically take up to 8 foreign exchange students a year and currently have 2 enrolled. The extinuaing circumstance pertains to a student placed in another district needing removal from the host family through no fault of their own.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended



Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Superintendent or Designee

BOARD POLICY: 09.12/Admissions and Attendance

The District is committed to supporting the Foreign Exchange Student Program in an effort to provide our students with a broader perspective of the world. The cross-cultural experience of the exchange student allows our students to open their minds to the importance of understanding other languages and cultures. The cultural experience will be our emphasis for the admission of these students in the educational environment.

CLASSES OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

International Exchange Programs: High school students participating in programs recognized by the United States Department of Education and State Department of Education.

Immigrant Foreign Students: Students who have sought political asylum or have immigrant status.

1. **Non Immigrant Foreign Students:** Without I-20 status, children of non-immigrant parents who are employed and living in Woodford County or are full time students living in Woodford County and have visas.
2. **Visitors – Students with I-20 Status.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

International exchange program students, immigrant foreign students and non-immigrant students without I-20 status as residents of the school District. All such students shall be enrolled in the appropriate school.

The agency shall provide written evidence that the student has not graduated from high school, is eligible to be enrolled in Grades 9-11 and is less than eighteen (18) years of age as of July 1 of the year the student wishes to enroll.

The student shall furnish a certified English translation of his academic record and the original or a copy of the original in the native language.

REGISTRATION OF PROGRAM

All exchange programs shall be registered with the Director of Pupil Personnel before any student participating in the program may apply for enrollment.

All organizations/agencies seeking to place foreign exchange students with the District shall participate in an interview, be accepted by the District as an approved organization and shall sign an agreement outlining the District's expectations for the student and the organization.

LOCAL HOST FAMILY

All exchange students shall have a host family who shall be responsible for the student's academic and home life. The local host family shall serve as a support service to the student, family and school.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Students are permitted to participate in an exchange program if they are high school students, they have not graduated or they are less than eighteen (18) years of age on July 1 of the year they wish to enroll.

Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

TERM

Exchange programs shall not exceed a full school year.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Woodford County High School shall be limited to eight (8) exchange students at any time. Each exchange program shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) students. Names of the students and any other necessary information shall be provided and updated by the Principal. The information shall be given to the Director of Pupil Personnel no later than two (2) weeks before the beginning of each semester.

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT

All foreign exchange students shall be enrolled as a junior and will be admitted with non-graduate status. They shall be enrolled as juniors but will not be placed in class ranking. They shall be allowed to enroll in classes of their choice as long as they enroll in a core curriculum and the classes are below the maximum state limit of 31.

The required core curriculum shall include English III, U.S. History, Math, and Science. The student shall agree to make a good faith effort in all course work and shall have no discipline problems prior to enrolling or while in attendance.

ENTRANCE DATE

All students' entrance shall be approved prior to the first student day of a school year.

Review/Revised:7/13/12

Waiver of Board Policies**PROCESS**

The Principal may submit to the Superintendent a written request to waive Board policy for areas outside the authority of the council. It shall not be necessary to request a waiver when the council has authority for a policy area, as authorized by KRS 160.345.

The Superintendent shall present the request to the Board along with a recommendation to approve or deny the request. The council shall have the opportunity to address the Board directly to support the request.

CRITERIA

The decision to approve or deny the request shall include but not be limited to a consideration of the following:

1. The legality of waiving Board policy;
2. If District goals will be advanced by the waiver;
3. If student outcomes will be promoted;
4. If District uniformity is required in the circumstances under consideration; and/or
5. If the larger interests of the public will be served.

REQUIREMENTS

Waiver of Board policies shall include the following procedures:

1. The Board shall afford the council an opportunity to be heard within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the request for a waiver of Board policy, unless a process to review and report the issues has been initiated.
2. The Board shall issue a written decision with its rationale not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the council's presentation to the Board.
3. At any point in the process the Board may direct a review and report on the issues, but shall not extend its decision beyond thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the council's presentation to the Board without the agreement of the requesting council.

If the request for waiver is denied, the grounds for denial will be recorded in Board minutes.

All waivers shall be reviewed annually and amended as necessary to conform to requirements of the Board.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451

Adopted/Amended: 9/11/1995

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