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Subject: Foreign Exchange Students

The Board of Education believes that the attendance of foreign exchange students at the Williamson High School can enhance the education of Williamson students and can contribute to an improved understanding of other cultures and languages. To this end the Board of Education agrees to accept foreign exchange students, subject to the following terms and conditions.

- a) Students proposing to attend Williamson High School under the auspices of the following programs may be permitted to attend:
 - 1. American Field Service (AFS)
 - 2. Rotary International

- b) Any other organization sponsoring an exchange program student must file a written request for acceptance with the Superintendent before July 30 prior to the semester in which the student proposes to enroll. If approved by the Board of Education, the admission of the exchange student will be made by the High School Principal.

- c) The District will accept no more than three (3) exchange students in any academic year and no more than two (2) exchange students shall be accepted from a single organization or from a single country.

- d) The selection of exchange students will be made in the following way:
 - 1. One of the available openings will be reserved for a student sponsored by American Field Service (AFS);
 - 2. One of the available openings will be reserved for a student sponsored by the Rotary International;
 - 3. The remaining opening will be awarded by order of request to those students who meet the requirements;

- e) Each sponsoring organization must provide a written recommendation attesting to the scholarship, character, and English proficiency for each exchange student applicant. The High School Principal will review these recommendations prior to approving or disapproving admission.

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- f) The student attending will not be charged tuition.
- g) Each foreign exchange student will be considered a student of regular attendance and will meet course study and code of conduct requirements.
- h) It is understood that the exchange student is expected to participate in some travel programs, which will be considered legal absences.
- i) Each exchange student applicant must be in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations governing legal aliens.
- j) The application process for each applicant student must be completed at least thirty (30) days prior to the student's departure from his/her native country.
- k) The designated program sponsored is responsible for the selection of the local host family. A representative from the program sponsored organization must have personally interviewed and visited the home of each host family before the school will agree to accept an exchange student.
- l) The District reserves the right to terminate the participation of any exchange student when it becomes evident that the experience is not serving the best interests of the exchange student or of the School District.

Approved: Board of Education
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