

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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3 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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5 Series 500

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7 Policy Title Foreign Exchange Students

Code No. 501.80

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10 GENERAL POLICY

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12 Foreign exchange students shall be permitted, under certain conditions, to enroll in the  
13 Meridian School District.

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15 POLICY REGULATIONS:

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17 A. A foreign exchange student is defined as a student from a foreign country  
18 studying in the United States under the sponsorship of an exchange  
19 organization. Approval will be made only for those students who are sponsored  
20 by exchange organizations which have Teenager Exchange Visitor Programs  
21 designation as listed by the United States Information Agency and/or the Council  
22 on Standards for International Educational Travel. The organization must have a  
23 local sponsor. The permanent host family must be living within the appropriate  
24 school boundary by the first day of semester.  
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26 B. The number of students allowed will be determined by a ratio of one (1) foreign  
27 exchange student to two hundred (200) general education students up to a  
28 maximum of ten (10) students per school. If the individual school is over the  
29 capacity of the facility as determined by the Superintendent or designee the  
30 maximum number of foreign exchange students will be reduced to five (5).  
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32 C. Only one (1) student per sponsor organization will be allowed.  
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34 D. Students will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.  
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36 E. The district will follow the regulations for exchange programs as defined by the  
37 United States Information Agency and/or the Council on Standards for  
38 International Educational Travel.  
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40 IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES:

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42 A. Each organization will submit a letter of intent to place students to the building  
43 designee at each school. The building designee will select from the list of  
44 nationally approved organizations giving preference according to the degree to  
45 which these organizations:  
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47 1. Have an active local representative.  
48 2. Provide local orientation for host families and students.  
49 3. Have a record of support for the students and assistance to the school's  
50 programs.  
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53 B. All requests for placement must be submitted in writing to the building designee  
54 according to the required timelines. The building designee will respond to all  
55 requests.  
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- 57 C. Required timelines:  
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- 59 1. January 1 First date that placement requests will be accepted for the  
60 following school year.
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  - 62 2. April 1 Deadline for placement requests for the following school  
63 year.
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  - 65 3. May 1 Deadline for host family, exchange student information  
66 and high school authorization forms to the host school.
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  - 68 4. June 1 Deadline for the application packet of student information  
69 to the host school.  
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- 71 D. After approval and no later than May 1, each organization will submit to the  
72 building designee the: Names of candidates and host families, name and  
73 address of local representative for the organization, and a translated transcript  
74 for each candidate. Transcripts must indicate grade placement, previous course  
75 work, and record of English proficiency.  
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- 77 E. Foreign exchange students will be entered only at the beginning of the first  
78 semester, and enrollment will be for no less than one (1) semester and no more  
79 than two (2) consecutive semesters. These students should not expect to  
80 receive any free services from the district such as yearbooks, activity cards,  
81 lunches, ski passes, etc.  
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- 83 Foreign exchange students will be enrolled at the 11<sup>th</sup>/junior grade level.  
84 Counselors will enroll approved foreign exchange students in a full schedule of  
85 classes. Each semester will include:  
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- 87 1- Language Arts: English 11A/B
  - 88 1- Social Studies: U.S. History 11A/B
  - 89 2- Additional academic classes: Math, Science, Foreign Language
  - 90 2+- Academic and/or elective courses  
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- 92 F. Foreign exchange students may not be enrolled in the school or district E.L.L.,  
93 L.E.P., I.D.E.A. or 504 programs.  
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- 95 G. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to provide tutors and/or  
96 any necessary assistance required to help the foreign exchange student meet  
97 acceptable standards. If this cannot be accomplished, the student faces  
98 withdrawal from the school.  
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- 100 H. Foreign exchange students will participate in classes as regular high school  
101 students. Foreign exchange students will not be enrolled on a non-credit or adult  
102 basis. They are required to take the examinations and do the work required by

103 the teachers of the classes for which they are enrolled. This includes compliance  
104 with the school district's attendance and discipline policy.

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106 I. After a five (5) week adjustment period, the building designee will notify the local  
107 sponsor if a foreign exchange student is not achieving or does not have an  
108 acceptable proficiency in English.

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110 J. Sponsors and/or organizations who do not consistently screen and monitor  
111 foreign exchange students and host families, or who misrepresent information  
112 provided to the school may lose the privilege of placing students in Joint School  
113 District No. 2.

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115 K. Enrollment in Driver Education will be based on:  
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117 1. Written permission from the sponsor organization.  
118 2. Written permission from the natural parents.  
119 3. Written permission from the host family.  
120 4. Space availability (district students will have precedence, regardless of  
121 age).

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