



Frequently Asked Questions

Below please find answers to some common questions regarding welcoming a J-1 exchange student to your school:

Are there required classes these students have to take?

- Exchange students are required to be enrolled and participating in a full course of study at an accredited academic institution. A particular sponsor, or individual student, may have additional requirements to meet. Those requirements should be discussed with the school to determine how to best meet those needs.

Do we need to provide special services (English Language services)?

- Exchange Students are excluded from the No Child Left behind mandate ([Administering Youth Exchange Guide Section 7 Page 2](#))

Does the school incur fees or paperwork to take on a J1 student?

- The school will need to sign written acceptance for the enrollment of any exchange student. The school will not incur any fees.

Who is responsible for the J-1 visa?

- The U.S. Department of State designates Sponsor Programs to sponsor the J-1 visa. The J-1 Sponsor Program issues the student's Certificate for Exchange Student Visitor Status (DS2019) and is responsible for the student throughout their exchange.

Do exchange students require/qualify for a diploma?

- This is at the sole discretion of the school.

Do exchange students have all immunizations typically required to enroll in school prior to entering the US?

- Exchange students are expected to comply with school immunization requirements as would any other student. Similarly, any allowed exemptions should be respected. Generally, the students will have the required immunizations prior to arriving in the US and will obtain others once in the US, if not available in their home country. If you would like information about a student's immunization status that is not included in the student application materials provided to you, please check with the exchange organization's local contact.

How are students supervised while they are enrolled at a public high school?

- All exchange students are assigned a local supervising coordinator who reports to the student's sponsoring organization. The local coordinator is responsible for oversight and supervision of the student while enrolled at the high school.