

## **ADMISSION FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

The Amery Board of Education is aware of the value derived by the attendance of foreign students in the Amery Schools. The foreign students gain a greater understanding of the United States, its people, educational systems, customs and ideals, and spreads this understanding among their family and friends in future years when they return home. In turn, the American students learn and understand much about the country of the foreign student, an understanding that cannot come through the conventional educational processes.

The policies of the School District of Amery regarding foreign student attendance and tuition are consistent with the provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996, which became effective November 30, 1996.

### **Selection**

It shall be the policy of the Amery Board of Education to permit only five (5) foreign exchange students to attend Amery High School or Amery Middle School at any time. Foreign exchange students attending under the auspices of an accredited Foreign Exchange program or living with families in the District on a private agreement made by their parents/guardians may attend school up to one (1) year with approval by the Amery Board of Education. The Amery Board of Education reserves the right to make exceptions to the student limit on an individual basis. Students must plan to enroll in school for at least one semester. The District would prefer that a foreign exchange student attend Amery schools for one complete school year.

Requests for foreign exchange students to attend Amery High School or Amery Middle School must be made in writing to the appropriate building Principal. The Principal and Guidance department shall make a recommendation to the District Administrator regarding the application of each foreign exchange student. In order to be approved, the sponsor and student must comply with the criteria stated in this policy and with other national, state or local regulations that may pertain to foreign exchange student programs.

Applications, including student academic records, from foreign exchange students must be received by the building Principal by June 15<sup>th</sup> preceding the enrollment school year. Applications must include a copy of the student's transcripts, grade reports, health records and other documents as determined by the exchange program.

Selection will be limited to Middle School and High School students, age 13 to 19, who have sufficient knowledge of English to enable them to function in an English speaking environment. Students should be screened for demonstrated maturity and ability to get maximum benefit from these programs.

### **Health, Accident and Liability Insurance**

The sponsoring organization or family shall be responsible for ensuring the foreign exchange student selected to attend the District has appropriate medical insurance.

### **Placement of Students with Host Families**

Home placement must be made before the student's arrival in the United States. Non-compliance with this regulation may result in immediate suspension or revocation of exchange student program designation.

The sponsor, with the support of the appropriate building Principal, must assume the responsibility of resolving problems including, if necessary, the changing of host families and early return of the exchange student to his/her native country in the case of personal or family difficulties

**Athletic Participation**

Foreign exchange students will be governed under the regulations set down by the WIAA and it's constitution and bylaws.

**Suspension or Revocation of Exchange Visitor Program Designation**

Sponsors who are found to be in violation of the above criteria are subject to having program designations suspended. Students found to be in major violation of school rules, regulations or policies may be asked to return to their native country upon completion of a hearing with the Amery Board of Education and all parties that have a vested interest in the student.

LEGAL REF.: Section 121.84(1)(c) Wisconsin Statutes

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