

**DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SERIES 500: STUDENT PERSONNEL**

**POLICY 501.1**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

The Diocese of Davenport encourages our individual schools to accept international students. We believe they bring diversity to our classrooms.

**Definition of an international student:**

An international student is a student who has been issued an I-20 from the Diocese of Davenport and holds an F-1 Visa issued by the US Department of State.

**International Student Enrollment**

A student must go through the admissions process of the local school to be enrolled as an international student. An international student must be enrolled full-time. The principal will make the final determination as to whether a student is accepted. The number of international students accepted by a local school is established by the local governing body.

Additionally:

- All international students must pay tuition.
- International students who complete all requirements for graduation are eligible to earn a diploma from a recognized High School.
- International students are expected to follow the school schedule and attend class according to the approved school calendar for the academic year.
- The international student must adhere to all attendance policy, behavior, and academic performance standards required of all students.
- The student must dress appropriately for attendance at a recognized school. The local school will determine the actual dress code.
- The local school requires that a religion class be taken by the international student.
- The student is required to participate in the spiritual formation opportunities (school Mass, adoration, bible studies, retreats, community service, etc.) offered by the school.
- Host families will be expected to be compliant with the [Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements](#).
- Host families may be expected to fulfill the volunteer expectation for parents.

**Fees, Registration, Tuition**

All international students must pay tuition. The local board of education will determine the fees, registration costs and tuition for an international student. Tuition and fees will be reasonable and just. That fee schedule must be submitted to the diocesan Superintendent of Schools. International students are included in the local school's tuition refund policy.

**Extra-Curricular Activity Participation**

All international students must strictly adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Iowa Department of Education and the appropriate governing body/bodies for the extracurricular activity.

**Role of the PDSO**

The Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) is an employee of the Diocese of Davenport who serves as the main point of contact for issues related to Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) certification.

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**Role of the Local Coordinator**

The Local Coordinator is a designated employee of the local school who serves as the liaison between the school and the PDSO. The Local Coordinator also serves as the liaison between the school and the service agency and, as applicable, the host family/family of origin.

**International Student Compliance**

International Students must comply with all rules and regulations of the I-20, F-1 Visa, the local School and the Diocese of Davenport. In addition, they must adhere to all local, state and federal laws. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in revocation of the I-20.