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SUBJECT: STUDENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The Board of Education believes that international student exchange programs significantly enrich the experiences of both the individual student and the school. The Board reserves the right to set terms and conditions concerning the admission of foreign exchange students. A foreign exchange student shall be defined as a citizen and resident of another nation who is between the ages of fifteen (15) and nineteen (19) years who has formally applied for admission or who has been admitted to a District school for a specific period of time through an approved exchange program for the purpose of study in a prescribed curriculum. In most circumstances, a foreign exchange student is not eligible for a New York State Diploma.

In order to be admitted, foreign exchange students must meet the following criteria:

- a) They must be living with or planning to live with a resident family of the Homer Central School District.
- b) A written recommendation from a sponsoring organization and/or school official shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent of Schools/designee. This recommendation shall attest to the student's scholarship and character. The Superintendent/designee reserves the right to request additional material to assist in the review process.
- c) A completed application should be received no less than ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the semester for which the student is to be admitted. Only under extreme circumstances, may this be waived upon the Superintendent's recommendation.
- d) The student will be in compliance with all laws governing legal aliens or other laws which pertain to his/her status.
- e) It is understood that such admission is temporary; therefore, the student will not be regarded as a legal resident of the District. Therefore, all such admissions shall be subject to the Superintendent's recommendation and Board of Education approval.
- f) The student will be enrolled in school in accordance with District rules and regulations and will then be subject to said rules and regulations. It is understood that serious disciplinary infractions may result in termination of the student's temporary admission status.
- g) Typically, foreign exchange students shall be considered only at the high school level. The number of such students admitted in any single year shall not exceed three (3) except in special circumstances as approved by the Board of Education.

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- h) Preference shall be given to students who are part of the Rotary International Exchange Program. Other student exchange agencies must be approved sixty (60) days prior to the submission of applications or recruitment of host families. Only approved agencies may submit student applications. The Board reserves the right to periodically review these programs.

Education Law Section 3203(2)

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