

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

FILE: JFABC

TITLE: **International Student Admission**

POLICY:

- (1) International High School Students. An international student not participating in a foreign exchange visitor program but who is sponsored by a relative who is a resident of Orange County, Florida and who otherwise fulfills eligibility requirements may attend an Orange County Public School. International students who inquire about enrollment in an Orange County Public School shall be referred to the Student Enrollment Department.
 - (a) International students who reside in a foreign country may apply for admission to Orange County Public Schools. These students shall request and be granted approval to attend a school by completing the I-20 application process through the Student Enrollment Department.
 - (b) The timeline for the I-20 application process shall be available and issued as follows:
 - (i) during June and July for students who wish to attend the first semester; and
 - (ii) during November and December for students who wish to attend the second semester.
 - (c) The following shall apply to each International Student applicant:
 - (i) The I-20 application is available for up to one (1) school year;
 - (ii) An applicant who previously completed a high school program in a foreign country will not be considered;
 - (iii) An applicant may not be eighteen (18) years of age before his/her first day of attendance at an Orange County Public School;
 - (iv) Athletic eligibility is based on FHSAA rules and regulations; and
 - (v) Educational guardianship must be obtained through the Student Enrollment Department.
- (2) International Adult/Technical Students.

- (a) An international student may apply for admission to an Orange County adult/technical school program. The applicant must request approval through the adult/technical institution provided the applicant is sponsored by a resident of Orange County, Florida who is related to the applicant. The sponsor shall file with Orange County Public Schools an Affidavit of Support (Form I-134) for the student and a statement assuming responsibility for tuition, fees, and medical costs. A “relative” shall be defined as any person connected with the applicant by blood or marriage. Nonimmigrant aliens possessing an A, B, E, F, G, H, I, J, L or M visa need not be sponsored by an Orange County resident.
- (b) The Orange County resident may apply through the Department of Career and Technical Education for a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20A). The application process shall include a signed Affidavit of Support (Form I-134); a statement assuming financial responsibility; and the student’s school transcript (English translation), including health records and other pertinent information as may be required by the Florida Statutes.
- (c) Once the above mentioned general conditions have been met, the sponsor shall take the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20A) to a Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) to confirm availability of an appropriate instructional program. Final approval may be granted by the PDSO or school director based upon the student’s qualifications and program availability. An adult/technical school director who grants approval and signs a Form I-20A shall assume responsibility for monitoring the student’s enrollment and for notifying the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service of noncompliance with regulations through the completion of Form I-20B, Part III.
- (d) Tuition for international adult students shall be charged based upon the schedule of fees approved by the School Board of Orange County, Florida for adult/technical and general courses.
- (e) An annual tuition fee equal to the full cost of the program, payable upon time of application, shall be charged to international students pursuant to the relevant Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 1001.41; 1006.07; 1009.22; 1009.25; 1009.26; 1009.27, Florida Statutes

Rule 6A-6.084, Florida Administrative Code

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