

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Guidelines for Foreign Student Registration

All foreign students must be approved for enrollment through the Jordan School District's Department of Planning and Student Services prior to registration. Placement of the student in a school should be arranged at least five weeks in advance of the student's departure from their native country. The students grade placement will be at the grade level in which they would be placed had they not left their country, i.e. if they were entering the twelfth grade in their country, they would be placed in the twelfth grade in Jordan School District.

The State Board of Education and Jordan School District expect **all foreign students to be proficient and fluent in the English language.** It is not the intent nor is it financially possible to expend the support for ESL Services instruction for foreign students. If foreign students are having difficulty speaking or understanding the English language, they may be placed in classes that do not require as much language proficiency. Foreign students who have previously graduated from high school or equivalent, or whose class has graduated, will not be eligible for enrollment.

Annually the Jordan Board of Education establishes quotas regarding the number of foreign students a secondary school may accept. With the 2003-04 school year the quota was set at twelve students per high school.

Foreign Exchange Students (J-1 status)

These students are issued a J-1 visa by immigration. A "J-1 foreign exchange student" means a foreign national secondary student who has entered the United States for up to one year for a cultural and educational experience and whose placement is approved by the Jordan School District Board of Education. Students are placed by the exchange program with a Utah family which serves as the host family during the period of sponsorship.

The cost for a "J-1 foreign exchange student" to attend Jordan School District is equal to the cost of a non-resident student. (The non-resident student tuition is approximately \$4,500.00)

These students do not qualify for a high school diploma, however they may receive a "certificate of completion" indicating the courses taken while in Jordan School District. These students do not participate in graduation exercises, however principals are encouraged to recognize them.

During the school year, some students change host families and schools. Those that change families will need to have the approval of the Representative of the agency that sponsors them, and approval from the Department of Planning and Student Services prior to enrollment in a school other than their original enrollment.

Foreign Students (F-1 status)

As of November 30, 1996, Immigration Law requires that all F-1 students can only stay for a total of 12 months in the United States in the public school system. Therefore, approval to come to Jordan School District can only be given for one school year.

1. Specific requirements to attend Jordan School District

- a) Student must be 15 to 17 years of age as of September 1st of the year intending to enroll in school.
- b) Must be able to speak and understand English. Student must provide proof of proficiency by taking a Toefl or Michigan (English Proficiency Test) in his/her home country. The Toefl score must be 95 or above. The Michigan score must be 68 or above.
- c) Has **not graduated** from high school/class has not graduated.
- d) Must live with a responsible host family within the school boundary.

2. Items A through G need to be received BEFORE the I-20 is issued.

Please have the following translated into English:

- a) Foreign Student Application (received by June 1st for placement in Jordan School District)
- b) English Proficiency test results
- c) Non-Resident tuition payment (**tuition is approximately \$4,500**)
- d) Durable Power of Attorney Agreement
- e) Parent/Host/Student Agreement
- f) Financial Proof: Letter from the bank or employer provided from the one who will be financially supporting the student
- g) Student's transcripts or other records of courses taken

Send completed application and forms to:

**Jordan School District
Planning and Student Services
9361 South 300 East
Sandy, Utah 84070
(801)-567-8250 FAX (801)-567-8095**

3. Items student will need to bring to Jordan School District in order to enroll:

- a) A copy of students birth certificate, VISA and I-94 card.
- b) Transcripts of Credit/School Records.
- c) Utah School Immunization Record completed.
- d) TB Test done in the United States (can be done at Salt Lake County Health Department)
- e) Highly recommended that major medical coverage is purchased.

4. Financial Items:

- a) The per capita cost of an F-1 student needs to be paid before the I-20 form is issued. If the F-1 visa is denied the student will receive a refund by sending a written request. A refund will be mailed.
- b) Willing to pay additional school registration fees at the school (approximately \$120.00)

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Foreign Students with Visa Status other than J-1 or F-1

Students in this category are required to consult with the Department of Planning and Student Services in advance of enrollment in order to clarify and establish enrollment requirements and educational expectations.