



## Requirements and Process for International Students

Seattle Public Schools welcomes international students on F-1 Student visas. The requirements and process for obtaining a Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F-1 Student) and enrolling in a Seattle Public School are outlined below.

### Student's Requirements:

1. Must be proficient in the English language
2. Must provide a written essay in English of interest to attend Seattle Public Schools
3. Must have a minimum of 5 years of English language instruction with passing grades
4. Must be under 21 years of age
5. Must be entering High School (grades 9-12)
6. Have not completed High School in his/her home country

### Host Family Requirements:

1. Must be permanent residents within the Seattle School District boundaries
2. May not be on a visa status
3. Must be over 21 years of age

### Required Documents:

1. School transcripts for the last 3 years translated in English
2. Authority and Responsibility for a Minor Student form, signed by both the student's parent and host
3. School Admission Packet to be completed with the Host Family information on it such as: their resident address, contact information, and Host signature on the admission form
4. Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) Form, indicating dates of immunizations
5. Photo ID of the host family member registering the student
6. Two address verification documents from Host Family's residence
7. Official bank statement(s) verifying proof of family or student's personal funds minimum amount of \$2500 USD for one academic year, and \$1250 USD for a Semester.

### F1 Student and Host Family Responsibilities:

Student and Host family must review and comply with Seattle Public Schools Rules and Responsibilities and its policies and guidelines. Course selections are based upon availability.

### TUITION:

F-1 students must pay tuition. **\*Tuition must be paid in full prior to issuing a 1-20.** Tuition for Seattle Public Schools is:

- \$12,400 for one academic school year, or
- \$6,200 for one semester

**\*Tuition is Non-Refundable once attendance has commenced. Exceptions will be reviewed based on individual circumstance.**

### Application Process:

1. Complete all required documents listed above and submit at one time to Enrollment Services.
2. Tuition must be paid in the form of a **cashier's check** for the appropriate tuition payment (made out to Seattle School District #1, in U.S. currency).
3. Agency Representatives or Host family should contact PDSO Faauu Manu at the number below to schedule an appointment to begin the application process for the I-20.
4. We will process the I-20 and the Affidavit of Tuition and mail both original documents to the host family. It will be the responsibility of the host family to send these documents to the student.
5. We will register the student with the District, and make the school assignment.
6. Tuition is non-refundable once attendance has commenced.

For more information, contact PDSO Faauu Manu at **206-252-0205** or email [fmmanu@seattleschools.org](mailto:fmmanu@seattleschools.org)