

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### **VISITING AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM**

#### **A. PURPOSE**

To establish policy governing a visiting and foreign exchange student program.

#### **B. ISSUE**

The Board of Education supports visiting and foreign exchange students' education inasmuch as it believes that Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) students benefit positively from exposure to visiting and foreign exchange students.

#### **C. POSITION**

1. Visiting and foreign exchange students may be accepted as tuition-free, nonresident students in AACPS if the students:
  - a. are sponsored by an exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel;.
  - b. and/or are approved by the Superintendent or designee;
  - c. have local representatives who supervise and coordinate the exchange program; and
  - d. have not completed the equivalent of a high school program in their home country.
2. The local representative bears the responsibility for the program and its participants.
3. The principal may recommend to the Superintendent the number of visiting and foreign exchange students to be enrolled at a particular school.
4. Visiting and foreign exchange students will be awarded diplomas and may participate in commencement exercises only if they meet all Maryland State Department of Education and AACPS graduation requirements. A "Maryland International Certificate" may be presented to visiting and foreign exchange students during awards ceremonies.

5. Visiting and foreign exchange students will be responsible for any fees related to school sponsored programs and activities.
6. Visiting and foreign exchange students will comply with all rules and regulations established by the Board and the school in which they are enrolled.

**D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted on 8/17/11.

*Note previous policy history:* Replaces Policy 612, adopted 5/20/91.