



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 have a minimum of 5 years of English language instruction
3. Must be under 21 years of age
4. Must be entering High School (grades 9-12)
5. Can not have 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
2. Translated letter from parents indicating they understand and agree that the student will be attending a Seattle Public High School.
3. SEVIS information document
4. Authority and Responsibility for a Minor Student form, signed and notarized by both the student's parent and host family
5. School Application Form
6. Registration Form
7. Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) Form, indicating dates of immunizations
7. Photo ID of the host family member registering the student
8. Two address verification documents for Host Family's residence

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

- \$6,000 for one school year (9 months), or
- \$3,000 for one semester

Application Process:

1. Complete all required documents listed above.
2. Mail all documents along with a **cashier's check** for the appropriate tuition payment (made out to Seattle School District, in U.S. currency) to:
Seattle School District No. 1
Enrollment Planning, 22-333
P.O. Box 34165
Seattle, Washington U.S.A. 98124-1165
3. The District Accounting Department will issue an "Affidavit of Tuition"
4. Upon receipt of the Affidavit of Tuition, a staff member from Enrollment Planning will contact the host family to schedule an appointment to complete the I-20 and enroll in a high school.
5. The student will include the I-20 in their application for an F-1 visa.

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