Proposed Additions to Foreign Exchange Student Board Policy
(Proposed additional language is bolded)

5306 Foreign Students

The District will not deny enrollment to resident students or otherwise discriminate against students based on immigration or visa status. All resident students, regardless of immigration or visa status, who otherwise meet Policy 5303's requirements may enroll in the District. **Students must be accepted by the District prior to the program sponsor moving the student to the host family's residence. Exchange students must be currently enrolled in their home country as a high school student. Students who have graduated in their home country are not eligible for enrollment.**

A student seeking to enroll in the District should verify that the student's enrollment will comply with federal laws, regulations, and guidance applicable to the student's immigration or visa status. Failure to do so may negatively impact the student's immigration or visa status.

A student with an F-1 visa who enrolls in the District in compliance with federal law must reimburse the District the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at the District for the period of the student's attendance.

A student with a J-1 visa who is sponsored by a formal student exchange program may enroll in the District without paying tuition if the student's host family resides in the District and the student otherwise meets the requirements of state and federal law and Policy 5303.

Nothing in this Policy should be construed to require the District to facilitate a student's visa.

Foreign students must attend a full academic year starting in the fall semester.

No exchange student shall be admitted if the student's placement would cause the District to be unable to meet its legal obligations to currently enrolled students, including but not limited to meeting EL program requirements and providing required minutes of sheltered/language instruction. The Superintendent or designee shall set an annual maximum number of exchange students based on the District's ability to provide required EL instruction and other essential services.

Foreign students are subject to all laws, Board Policies, rules, behavioral expectations, and applicable student codes of conduct. **If the host company believes a law is being broken by or against the foreign exchange student, it must be reported to the legal authorities and the school administration. If there is suspected abuse or neglect, the host company must follow Gladwin School's Abuse and Neglect policy (5701).**

Program Sponsors will follow the administrative guidelines set forth by the Superintendent or designee. Failure to do so may result in the District no longer accepting students from that company.

Legal authority: 8 USC 1184(m); MCL 380.1401; Plyler v Doe, 457 US 202 (1982); OAG, No. 6316, p 151 (September 25, 1985)