

### **TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

The Holmdel Township Board of Education recognizes the importance of intercultural and international education as an important part of a school program. To this end, the school district may, upon occasion, have exchanges of pupils between various countries and areas of the United States for limited periods of time.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board will review and approve the acceptance of exchange students on a case-by-case basis after considering the following criteria:

1. The exchange student is under the auspices of a program recognized by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel Advisory List;
2. The exchange program submits a student application to the Superintendent a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the school year;
3. The request for the exchange is examined and approved in writing by the Director of Guidance, School Principal, and Superintendent of Schools;
4. The exchange student will reside with a host family who is legally domiciled in Holmdel Township;
5. Transcripts and supporting documentation indicate that the exchange student demonstrates sufficient verbal and written competence in the English language to ensure his/her capability for succeeding academically and socially in the Holmdel Township Public Schools;
6. The exchange student is of an appropriate age and grade level to benefit from the school program in Holmdel and has not already graduated from high school; and
7. Sufficient space is available to accommodate the pupil's needs.

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Students who (a) are residents of Holmdel, (b) participate in an exchange program and (c) expect to be awarded a diploma from Holmdel High School, must complete all graduation requirements mandated by the State of New Jersey and the Holmdel Township Board of Education (Policy 6146).

The Board of Education will provide appropriate instructional materials for approved exchange students, but will bear no other expense for them, nor will the Board pay any part of the expenses of district students taking part in an exchange program. Approved exchange students will attend the Holmdel School District on a tuition-free basis.

This policy will take effect on July 1, 1999 or upon completion of the construction/renovation funded by the May '96 referendum.

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