

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS ON STUDENT VISAS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY ENCOURAGES FOREIGN BORN STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A STUDENT VOCATIONAL VISA TO ENROLL IN THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE. FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE LEARNED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

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RULES

1. Processing of I-20 MN (Certificate of Eligibility)
 - a. All inquiries from foreign born students regarding student vocational visas shall be directed to and handled by the Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department.
 - b. The Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department shall assume responsibility for processing and completing the Immigration and Naturalization Form (I-20 MN, Certificate of Eligibility) for all foreign born students who desire to obtain a student visa for the purpose of enrolling in a vocational program in the Broward County school system. The Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department shall be the only department authorized to process the Immigration and Naturalization Form I-20MN to vocational students.
 - c. The Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department shall comply with all Immigration and Naturalization Rules and Regulations regarding the issuance of I-20 MN form.
 - d. All vocational students shall be required to pay the application fee as required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the district.

2. Admission on Student Visas For Vocational Education Program
 - a. Students must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, without exception as provided for in School Board Policy 6.7 - Entrance Requirements for Adult Education Programs.
 - b. All applicable fees as approved by the School Board will be charged to each student based upon the program/course selected.
 - c. Students enrolling into a full-time program/course of study must:
 - (1) Have a student visa as certified by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - (2) Provide educational records or transcripts regarding scholastic achievement and showing the equivalent of at least an eighth grade education.
 - (3) Health, accident and liability insurance that is valid in the United States, or upon registration at the school, an application to purchase the School Board's student health insurance coverage.
 - (4) Provide information relative to their financial status.
 - (5) Provide the name and address of the guardian or sponsor in Broward County if student is under 18 years of age.
 - (6) Maintain satisfactory attendance, scholastic achievement and obey all rules and regulations of the school/center. Students not adhering to these conditions will be reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
 - (7) Not obtain employment for a wage or salary or engage in a business while in attendance unless specifically authorized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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- d. Students must study full time (a maximum of thirty (30) hours per week); part time only if authorized by a “designated school official” (DSO).
- e. Before any student under a student visa is admitted to a Broward County public vocational school, the student must be cleared by the Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department.

3. Language Assessment

All foreign born students who are issued a vocational visa by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) must be administered a language dominance assessment. For vocational students, the Bilingual Vocational Oral Proficiency Test (BVOPT) or the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) will be given.

4. Revocation of Student Visa

A student attending a Broward County vocational school on a student visa may lose the right to attend by:

1. Failing to abide by School Board Policy and Procedures.
2. Violate Immigration and Naturalization Service Rules and Regulations.
3. Failing to maintain acceptable scholastic standards (at his/her own level).
4. Excessive absence.

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