

EASTERN YORK HIGH SCHOOL
Foreign Exchange Student Procedures

Eastern York High School accepts up to three foreign exchange students on a J-1 Visa, per School District Policy 239. Students applying for a full year experience are given preference over students asking for a semester experience. The high school works with the following approved exchange agencies: AFS, ASSE, AYUSA, EF, YFU and Rotary Youth Exchange Programs. Please call the High School Counseling Department to confirm space availability. Email – dsullivan@easternyork.net or call 717-252-1551 ext. 60520. Applications are accepted on an individual basis and will be approved by the building principal.

Enrollment Procedures and Deadlines

Deadline: Please contact the Counseling Department at the High School by July 1st regarding student placement.

Enrollment Procedures: The host family and/or sponsoring agency must enroll the student with the District. Please contact Registration at 717-252-1555 ext. 33231 to schedule an appointment. Proof of all immunization requirements are needed at the time of enrollment. When the enrollment procedure is complete, the host family and student will meet with the student's school counselor. A schedule will be made at this time.

Grade Placement: All students will be placed in the 12th grade.

Foreign exchange students will attend all senior class meetings, and therefore, are considered eligible for various senior - school related events. This would include the senior class trip, senior privileges, prom, etc. It should be noted that these activities are considered privileges and not rights. Foreign Exchange students will be held to the same standards as any other Eastern York student when determining eligibility for special activities/events.

Graduation: Foreign Exchange students are invited to participate in Eastern York School District's commencement ceremony in June. However, Eastern York High School does not issue Diplomas for any foreign exchange student. Foreign exchange students do earn a certificate of **attendance** which is presented at commencement. Foreign Exchange Students are **not eligible** for Top Ten Awards or for distinction as Honor Graduates, Salutatorian or Valedictorian. Foreign Exchange Students are also **not eligible** for local scholarships advertised through Eastern York High School due to not earning an Eastern York High School Diploma.

Students and their host families should contact our senior class advisors with any questions pertaining to commencement activities.
Senior Class Advisors:

Mrs. Terry Doutrich - tdoutrich@easternyork.net.

Sports: Students interested in sports must contact Mr. Donald Knaub, EYHS Athletic Director with the following information.

1. Have documentation of a physical issued by a U.S. physician after June 1st
2. Have documentation of a current visa
3. Come from a **PIAA approved** Exchange Agency
4. Submit all documentation for PIAA District III approval

Mr. Donald Knaub - dknaub@easternyork.net or 252-1551 ext. 60568

*Students must also maintain eligibility requirements to play a sport. Please see the student handbook for more information.

Requirements for English Proficiency

Although Eastern does not expect English fluency, it is expected that students will be able to communicate with and understand teachers at the high school. Students are expected to grasp daily lessons, participate in classroom activities and submit assigned work.

Limits on Age and/or Country of Origin/Length of Stay

Students need to be between the ages of 14 - 18 at the time of enrollment. There are no limitations on the country of origin. Throughout the school year, the host family/student will receive progress notices and report cards via Skyward Student/Family Access. It is the student's responsibility to contact the counseling office secretary if this documentation needs to be mailed to the home country. Students are permitted to stay for one academic school year only.