

NUAMES Foreign Exchange Student Policy

Overview

In alignment with state and federal regulations, including Utah Code §53G-6-402 and §53G-6-403, the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science (NUAMES) welcomes the cultural and educational enrichment that foreign exchange students bring. NUAMES will accept in our lottery, both J-1 visa students through U.S. State Department-approved exchange programs and a limited number of F-1 visa students.

Enrollment Limits

NUAMES will allow one F-1 visa foreign exchange student per 175 students enrolled in grades 10–12. Only full academic year placements will be considered; semester placements are not permitted. Additional foreign exchange students hosted by NUAMES families may be considered by the school administration and governing board on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for enrollment at NUAMES, foreign exchange students must:

- Enroll in our lottery and complete application by the lottery deadline
- Be between the ages of 15 and 18½ at the time of enrollment.
- Be sponsored by an agency that is certified and approved by the NUAMES Board of Directors.
- Demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency to participate meaningfully in the academic program. NUAMES does not provide English Language Learner (ELL) or Special Education services to exchange students; such supports must be arranged and funded through the sponsoring agency.
Be a bona fide secondary student in their country of origin and not have completed their secondary education.
- Submit a complete application packet by the required deadline. This includes:
 - NUAMES Foreign Exchange Student Application
 - Student Profile and Host Family Information
 - Agency Assurances and Compliance Agreement

Tuition & Fees

- J-1 visa students are not charged tuition per federal guidelines.

- F-1 visa students must pay tuition equal to the average per-pupil high school expenditure for the current school year, as determined by the Utah State Board of Education, in addition to standard NUAMES student fees.
- All tuition and fees must be paid in full before enrollment is finalized.

Enrollment Process

- Applications must be submitted by the November lottery deadline.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order received and accepted based on seat availability, program alignment, and student qualifications.
- Once accepted, host families must complete all NUAMES registration documents and comply with school policies.

Additional Terms

- Foreign exchange students must adhere to all NUAMES policies, including academic integrity, attendance, and code of conduct.
- Foreign exchange students are not eligible to receive a NUAMES diploma and may not participate in official graduation ceremonies.
- Participation in extracurricular activities is permitted in accordance with UHSAA rules and NUAMES club policies.

Board Approval

All foreign exchange students must be formally accepted by the NUAMES Board of Directors in an open board meeting prior to the beginning of the academic year.