
I. PURPOSE

This policy designates an assigned cap on the number of foreign exchange students that may be counted by Athlos Academy of Utah for state funding. An additional purpose is to provide Athlos Academy of Utah with guidance to ensure a safe environment for exchange students.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Foreign Exchange Student: A high school student sponsored by an agency approved by Athlos Academy of Utah's Governing Board.

III. POLICY**A. Criteria for Foreign Exchange Students**

1. Athlos Academy shall be compensated to pay the costs of educating foreign exchange students who meet all criteria in Utah Code § 53A-2-206.
2. Due to the benefits to students having the opportunity to learn from individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures, Athlos Academy is encouraged to enroll foreign exchange students and report those enrollment numbers annually to the USBE in the October 1 Superintendents' report.
 - a. Athlos Academy shall include in its report to the USBE only foreign exchange students that meet all criteria of Utah Code § 53A-2-206(6).
3. Athlos Academy of Utah shall only enroll a foreign exchange student if the student is sponsored by an agency approved by the USBE.
4. Foreign students do not qualify for a high school diploma and do not participate in graduation ceremonies

B. Promoting Safety for the Exchange Students

1. Athlos Academy shall have a policy which creates a safe environment for all students, including foreign exchange students.

Foreign Exchange Students

2. Prior to accepting students through the foreign exchange student agency, Athlos Academy of Utah shall require and maintain from each foreign exchange student agency from which Athlos Academy of Utah accepts students, a sworn affidavit of compliance that:
 - a. A household study, including a background check, of all adult residents has been completed of each household where foreign exchange students will reside and the information has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school employee, assuring that the exchange student will receive proper care in a safe home environment;
 - b. A representative of the exchange student agency shall visit each student's place of residence at least monthly during the student's stay in the state;
 - c. The agency shall cooperate with Athlos Academy of Utah and other public authorities to ensure that no exchange student becomes an unreasonable burden;
 - d. Each exchange student will be given, in the exchange student's native language, names and telephone numbers of agency representatives and others who could be called at any time if a serious problem occurs; and
 - e. Alternate placements are readily available so that no student is required to remain in a household if conditions appear dangerous to the student.
3. Athlos Academy of Utah shall provide each approved foreign exchange student agency with a list of names and phone numbers of individuals not associated with the agency who could be called by an exchange student in the event of a serious problem.

Legal References:

[Utah Admin R277-612](#)

[Utah Code § 53A-2-206](#)