

International Education

Student Exchange

OSPI does not have the legal authority to sponsor or coordinate student exchanges and does not support any specific programs for student exchange. However, we do believe that student exchange can be an enriching experience for individual students and their families, as well as schools and districts.

For information on student exchange, please visit the following:

- Families and students: [Families and students: Let's Get Started](#)
- Schools and districts: [School Resources](#)
- Exchange organizations: [Application Process for the Advisory List](#)

Federal Resources

- [Becoming a Non-Immigrant Student in the U.S.](#)
This FAQ defines the term nonimmigrant and explains the types of visas available to become a nonimmigrant student in the United States.
- [Students and Exchange Visitors](#)
U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement assists international student and exchange visitors with their responsibilities prior to entering the United States.
- [Exchange Visitor Program for Secondary Students](#)
The online code of the federal regulation Title 22: Foreign Relations.
- [U.S. Department of State - Designated Sponsors List](#)
The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs maintains the list of sponsors who are in compliance with the Exchange Visitor Program regulations.

State Resources

- [International Student Exchange Agency Program](#)
ISEA (a division of Washington Secretary of State) requires the registration of all international student exchange visitor placement organizations.
- [International Student Exchange Organizations](#)
Download this PDF for the list of registered organizations that coordinate student exchanges with Washington schools.
- [Chapter 19.166 RCW International Student Exchange](#)
This legislation defines international student exchange in Washington state and outlines the standards and rules.

