



Board of School Trustees
Mansfield Independent School District

TITLE: TEA Foreign Exchange Student
Waiver Request

DATE: July 28, 2026

ACTION

BACKGROUND:

School districts may request a waiver as per Texas Education Code TEC §25.001 (e) to limit the number of Foreign Exchange Students (FES) it admits to the district should hosting the FES create a financial or staffing hardship on the district, diminish the district's ability to provide high quality educational services for the district's domestic students, or require domestic students to compete with FES for educational resources.

Upon Board approval, the waiver will be submitted for the 2026-2029 school years.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Districts are allowed to submit a waiver to limit the number of FES per each high school, and MISD would like to request that no more than 5 FES be placed in each qualifying high school.

The Executive Director of Guidance and Counseling is the single point of contact for host families and exchange organizations and coordinates the placement of FES in our schools. Foreign exchange students are not eligible to attend Frontier STEM Academy or Early College High School.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the TEA Foreign Exchange Student Waiver application request, as presented.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move that we approve the Foreign Exchange Student Waiver application to be submitted to Texas Education Agency for approval."