

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

AP 4026 PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Reference:

Education Code Section 66015.7

The District supports the concept of International Education. It may offer programs that include, but are not limited to, foreign study programs, faculty, and student exchanges, and other cross-cultural training and instructional opportunities. The Governing Board shall approve each program.

The District encourages programs that support learning about other cultures, global issues, and the exchange of Californians and international students and scholars. Such programs might include:

- Courses of study in as many fields as possible to increase students' understanding of global issues and cultural differences
- Courses in languages other than English to train students to communicate effectively in other cultures and to enhance their understanding of other nations' values
- Opportunities for students in all majors to participate in study abroad programs to enrich their academic training, perspectives, and personal development
- Opportunities for domestic and international students to interact effectively and routinely share their views, perceptions, and experiences in educational settings, and
- Innovative public educational forums and venues to explore global issues and showcase world cultures

Regarding international students and scholars, the District:

- Encourages the presence of qualified students from other countries with sufficient geographic diversity to inspire an appreciation for differences among cultures and a deeper understanding of the values and perspectives of other people
- Facilitates faculty exchange and collaborative partnership programs with institutions in other countries
- Initiates collaborative research undertakings to address issues of global significance, and

- 33 • Recruits and retains the world's best and brightest faculty to educate California's
34 students as globally competent citizens

35 For specific guidelines pertaining to study abroad courses and field courses, refer to AP
36 4300 titled Field Trips and Excursions.

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