

STUDENT SERVICES

AP 5012 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

References:

Education Code Sections 76141, and 76142;
Title 5 Section 54045;
Title 8 U.S. Code Sections 214.2 et seq.

The District admits international students who have an F-1 visa permitting them to study in the United States. International students must comply with certain requirements imposed both by the District and applicable state and federal laws/regulations. International students pay nonresident tuition and a capital outlay fee in addition to enrollment fees (see AP 5020 titled Nonresident Tuition and AP 5030 titled Fees for more information on fees and exemptions). The District's Office of International Education monitors the students' academic progress. International students shall purchase a District-approved accident and sickness insurance policy before enrollment, and must maintain the coverage throughout their studies. Non-native speakers of English who are permanent residents of the United States and students who hold other types of visas are not considered international students.

The following is required for admission into the District's credit academic program:

- Completion of an international student application with passport-size photograph
- Proof of English language proficiency. English proficiency can be determined with score report from several standardized testing such as TOEFL (47), STEP (2A0, IELTS (5.0), ITEP (3.5), Duolingo (75) and Cambridge Assessment (82)
- Verification of high school graduation. Official transcripts of all secondary and college course work must be provided with a certified English translation
- Satisfactory recommendation if attending an English language school or another college in the United States

International students who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements for regular District admission may attend the intensive English language program and reapply to Palomar College once they have attained appropriate English Language proficiency.

The following are requirements for an International student to maintain their status:

- Maintain a valid accident/sickness insurance policy
- Maintain full-time enrollment (12+ units) each term. Exceptions can be obtained with the permission of the International Student Office
- Update education plan each term
- Major change notification at the time of the change
- Provide an updated address, phone and email contact information
- Maintenance of status and following all rules required for an F-1 visa as administered through the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
- For additional information and a complete list of all requirements, each student is required to maintain term by term contact with the International Education Office <http://www2.palomar.edu/pages/internationalstudents/>

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