International Students

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The application process shall include submission of an application form that meets all admission requirements established by the U.S. government for issuing F-1 student visas.

Supporting documents including proof of financial support and official transcripts confirming completion of secondary school, equivalent to completion of an American High School (translated into English) shall be provided to the District prior to issuing an I-20.

Students must submit an acceptable TOEFL score of 133 CBT, 450 PBT or 45 iBT, 5.0 IELTS, or select to enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL). This requirement is waived for students from countries using English as the primary language in its educational system.

The college shall determine country of residence, examine visas, and other documents to determine that students have secured the proper visas permitting entry for temporary purposes.

If students enter the United States on a Sierra College I-20, they must attend Sierra College for at least one semester before transferring.

All international students must purchase medical insurance from Sierra College’s carrier – there are no exceptions – even for students who have health insurance in their own countries.

Prospective students shall submit to Sierra College, before the start of classes, proof of freedom from tuberculosis. All documentation must be professionally translated into English.

Any student, who has not provided proof of freedom from tuberculosis documentation, must follow directives of the Health Center. Students who are non-compliant may be administratively withdrawn from the college.

See Board Policy 5010.