

# Sierra College

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

AP 5012

### International Students

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References:	Education Code Sections 76141, 76142; Title 5 Section 54045; Title 8, U.S. Code Sections 1101, et seq.

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 English Test Score (minimum score listed): TOEFL, iBT 65 or IELTS 5.5 or Duelling 100 or Cambridge English (CEFR) B2. This requirement is waived for students from countries using English as the primary language in its educational system.

The District shall make a residence determination, including review of whether student holds a visa that requires the student have a residence outside of the U.S., or entered the U.S. under a visa that permits entry solely for a temporary purpose, with exemptions from nonresident tuition as authorized by Education Code Section 76140 subdivision (a)(2) for financial need.

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

Prospective students shall submit to Sierra College, before the start of classes, proof of freedom from tuberculosis. This may include a chest x-ray or a 2 step PPD. 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 Students who are non-compliant may be administratively withdrawn from the college.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.