

BP 5012 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

References:

Education Code Sections 76141 and 76142;
Title 5 Section 54045;
Title 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101 et seq.

The Riverside Community College District supports the concept of integrating international students into the District and community with as many countries represented as possible. Furthermore, the District is committed to ensuring that the international student program design allows those admitted to benefit from instruction and includes only that number which can be served adequately.

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The District is authorized to admit non-citizen students through the Federal SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Service) program of the Department of Homeland Security.

The student's application as an international student, transcripts, and all other supporting documents necessary to determine scholastic and linguistic eligibility for admission, along with the student's financial documentation, must be received, reviewed and evaluated at the school's location in the United States.

The DSO (Designated School Official) enters all data in SEVIS and produces the I-20 document for the student who has been accepted. The I-20 is used to obtain F-1 Visa status as an international student with residence outside of the U.S.

Exemptions from non-resident tuition may be made as authorized in Education Code Section 76140(a)(2) for financial need.

The District is authorized under Federal Law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students on F-1 student visas. The policy for acceptance of international students at Riverside Community College District is as follows:

I. International Student Admissions/Benefits

To ensure maximum benefit and service to the international student, the Chancellor of the District, or his/her designee, shall determine the number of students who can be served adequately under a Form I-20 issued by Riverside Community College District. This number shall be evaluated on a yearly basis. The goal of the District shall be to have a diversity of students from as many countries as possible. International students are a valuable resource in meeting District goals of increasing global awareness and understanding.

II. Age Requirements

The international student must be at least 18 years of age or a graduate of an accredited high school in the United States.

III. Language Proficiency

International students must have sufficient knowledge of English to profit from instruction at the college level. International students are not admitted solely for special training in English. Therefore, the international applicant must achieve a minimum score of 450 (PBT), 133 (CBT) or 45 (iBT) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or 4.5 on IELTS; or similar test.

IV. Transcripts of Records

All international students are required to submit high school and/or college transcripts to the Center for International Students and Programs. These documents must be submitted in English translation if the original is in another language.

V. Financial Support

Evidence of financial support to defray all costs during the student's attendance must be presented to the Center for International Students and Programs before acceptance to the District. The District will follow all federal regulations regarding 1-20, F-1 Visa students. Financial support may be provided by the student's family, government, or other sponsor.

VI. College and Community Support

The Center for International Students and Programs will arrange a variety of programs and services for international students, including enlisting campus and community people who will help students become acquainted with District, the community, and American life.

VII. Health Requirements

International students must submit to a TB test in the Health Services Office, upon arrival. Students will be required to have a follow-up chest x-ray, if necessary.

VIII. Accident and Health Insurance

Prior to enrollment, all international students must purchase health and accident insurance through the Center for International Students and Programs.

IX. General Admission Requirements

Once accepted, international students will be required to complete all general admission requirements and meet course prerequisites as established by the District.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Center for International Students and Programs

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