



**HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Foreign Exchange Student Program**

Thank you for your interest in the Foreign Exchange Student Program at Hamilton High School. The Chandler Unified School District's policy on Foreign Exchange students is as follows:

- The number of Foreign Exchange students enrolled each year cannot exceed 1 for every 500 students at any District high school.
- Potential students must not have graduated from their respective high schools.
- The Foreign exchange student must attend the same school as the student(s) of the host family. Hamilton High School is not responsible for securing host families for students.
- High school diplomas will **NOT** be awarded. However, Foreign Exchange students are permitted to attend the graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of attendance.
- Sponsoring organizations must provide evidence that each student has sufficient oral, writing and reading proficiency in English language. An interview might be required.
- No financial assistance will be given to the student for class rings, activity cards, or lunches.
- Foreign exchange students (J-1 Visa Only) can participate in varsity athletics.

Hamilton High School is committed to giving Foreign Exchange students the best possible experience. Please follow these procedures for applying for admittance to Hamilton High school for your Foreign Exchange student:

- Initial contact must go through our Foreign Exchange student liaison. For the 2024-2025 school year, the HHS liaison is Kelsey Romero. Ms. Romero can be reached at (480)883-5206 or [romero.kelsey@cusd80.com](mailto:romero.kelsey@cusd80.com)
- The organization you are using must be approved by and in the current Council on Standards for International Travel (CSIET) list. [csiet.org](http://csiet.org) Again, the host family must live in Hamilton High School's attendance boundary.
- A completed application packet from your Foreign Exchange agency must be submitted to the Foreign Exchange liaison before a student is considered for admissions. The packet must include detailed student information including immunization records) and the host family's residency information. Applications will be accepted until May 3, 2024, or until all spots have been filled. Once the packet has been turned in, an email will be sent to you confirming that we have received your application. If there are any issues with the application, or if additional information is required, we will contact you.
- Once submitted your application will be reviewed by HHS and CUSD administration. Since there are a limited number of students accepted into the Foreign Exchange program, applications are reviewed on a first come basis starting on January 15 of each school year. There is no guarantee that your Foreign Exchange student will be accepted at Hamilton High School. An email will be sent to you informing you of the decision.
- If you are accepted, the Foreign Exchange liaison will contact you to inform you of the registration process.