

In order to assure the safe placement of foreign exchange students with host families, prior home placement approval by the superintendent, principal and a school-based committee and/or the school social worker must be made before an exchange student can be enrolled in Cherokee County Schools. It is the responsibility of the placement coordinator to get this approval prior to enrolling the student.

Each high school in Cherokee County will be able to host a maximum of three foreign exchange students. The high school must be notified at least 30 days prior to students being placed.

Foreign exchange students will only be accepted at the beginning of each semester (i.e. beginning of school or beginning of spring semester). The foreign exchange student must be enrolled and ready to begin school the first week of each semester. Enrollment must be completed prior to the first day of the semester.

Foreign exchange students will not be *guaranteed* the opportunity to receive a high school diploma. In order to receive a North Carolina High School diploma, foreign exchange students should have completed the following requirements prior to enrolling in a Cherokee County high school:

- Scored 500, or a minimum score, on the English Test of Foreign Language (TOFL) or equivalent test.
- Have an existing 20 units
- Have completed at least three years of English curriculum
- Have completed a math equivalent to Math I Have completed World Study
- Have completed a physical science and biology

It should be further understood that, provided the student has completed the above requirements, he/she will not be guaranteed the opportunity to receive a high school diploma if scheduling does not permit.

Diploma foreign exchange students must be enrolled for two (2) semesters.

To receive a diploma, upon enrollment students must take and pass End-of-Course tests in:

- ❖ English II
- ❖ Math I or equivalent
- ❖ Biology

As a student in Cherokee County Schools, they must enroll in:

- ❖ English III (US Literature)
- ❖ U.S. History
- ❖ English IV
- ❖ Civics and Economics

What is needed to meet all state and local requirements.

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