



Thank you for your interest in the F-1 visa program in the Clark County School District (CCSD). The information in this letter and on our Web site contain the necessary forms and documents that you will need to complete in order to secure an I-20 form for a foreign student to attend high school for one year in the District. Please note, that in addition to the application materials, federal law requires prepayment of the full unsubsidized cost of tuition for a student to attend school, which in the Clark County School District will be \$9,862.00 for the full school year or \$4,931.00 for one semester. Federal laws do not allow the District to waive the cost of tuition for any student, and we cannot begin processing the I-20 form until the payment has been made in full. Information regarding this regulation can be found on the website of the U.S. State Department at:

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/kindergarten-to-grade-12-students>

Once all of the required application materials have been received, we will process the I-20 form. You will be contacted to schedule a time to pick up the I-20 form. You will then pay [the I-901 SEVIS Fee](#) and send the I-20 form to the prospective foreign student. The student will need to contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in his/her home country to schedule an interview and they will issue an F-1 visa that will allow the student to come to the U.S. to attend high school.

Federal regulations only allow foreign students to study for one year on an F-1 visa in public high schools. The District is not allowed by law to allow the student to stay in the United States for more than one year.

If for some reason, the U.S. Embassy denies the visa, the District will refund the tuition paid less a \$200 processing fee. The I-20 Application Fee is made directly to the US government and cannot be refunded by my office. Processing times for receiving an F-1 visa vary, and in some instances can take up to eight weeks. Some embassies process applications faster than others, but if all of the required documentation is submitted to my office by the deadline indicated on the application form, the student should have a visa in time to begin school on time.

Please be aware of these deadlines, as my office will not process incomplete or late applications submitted after the posted deadlines. More information regarding the F-1 visa process can be found on the Department of Homeland Security Web site at: <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>

CCSD policies do not allow students who enroll with an F-1 visa to earn a high school diploma. In addition, foreign students are not eligible to receive services from the English Language Learner program. In order to secure the I-20 form, the student will need to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. More information about this requirement is on our program Web site which can be found at: <http://www.ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling/f-1-visa-program?students>.