

BOARD POLICY 5025

Foreign Students (Visa)

1. The intent of foreign student admission at El Camino College is to offer education and training to citizens of other countries who will return to those nations at the completion of programs here or in transfer institutions, with the possibility of improved contributions to life in the native land.
2. The foreign student who wishes to attend El Camino College on the student visa is expected to apply for admission through correspondence while in residence in the country of his citizenship.
3. Each applicant for admission as a visa student must obtain sponsorship of an appropriate citizen or permanent resident of the United States who is 21 or more years of age, who lives in the El Camino College District, and who will pledge all support necessary to maintain the student for the duration of his enrollment.
4. Visa students are required to pay tuition at the rate established for out-of-state students by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.
5. Students must live within the ECC district while attending on a visa which requires I-20 form specified by the U.S. Immigration Service unless an exception is made by the foreign student counselor.
6. The visa student applicant must achieve a satisfactory score on a test of English proficiency designated by the college. The test measures listening comprehension, knowledge of grammatical structure, reading comprehension and writing ability. Results are evaluated by the foreign student counselor at El Camino College in estimating a proficiency level sufficient to ensure reasonable success in college courses taught in English.
7. The visa student must insure adequate financial support to attend college and indicate the source of support.
8. The visa student must submit transcripts of all secondary and college academic records. Grades above average are acceptable.
9. The applicant may be required to furnish letters of recommendation from the American Consul or School officials in his homeland.
10. Visa students are not accepted in transfer from other colleges in the United States ordinarily. The student who achieves less than 2.0 GPA in another college is not accepted.

11. Visa students are admitted on graduation from high schools within the ECC district if they achieve at least average grades and fulfill all requirements regarding sponsorship, financial support, residence, and English proficiency.
12. The visa student enrollment is limited to ½ of one percent of the estimated ADA for the year of proposed attendance, excluding visa students admitted directly from high schools within the district.
13. Broad international representation is to be attempted in admission of the foreign student group.
14. Visa students are advised to complete educational programs at ECC in the shortest practical time.

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