

Rancho Santiago Community College District
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Chapter 5
Student Services

AR 5012 International Students

References:

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

A. Admission

All international students planning to attend on an F-1 visa status must submit an Application, must be 18 years of age or older by the first day of class, and must possess a high school diploma or equivalency. A recent photograph (for identification purposes) must be submitted with the application forms. After the application process is completed and approved, the college will issue a Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F-1 Student Status).

Prior to acceptance, F-1 visa transfer students from other colleges or universities in the United States are required to provide proof of release of transfer from the current or previous college(s) . Institute for International Perspectives (IIP) will consider accepting transfer students with a terminated SEVIS record only if they meet the following two criteria: (1) student meets criteria for reinstatement as outlined in F-1 visa regulations, and (2) terminated F-1 visa student is approved for admission from the administrator.

B. Academic Achievement Required for Admission

International students must be high school graduates and submit proof of a high school diploma or equivalent. Transcripts from all previous educational institutions must be on file with an English translation before the application will be processed for admission.

If students do not meet the academic achievement requirements for admission, conditional admission may be considered. Documents to be reviewed include, but are not limited to, letters of recommendation, explanation for failure to meet minimum criteria, and a statement of purpose. Conditional admission must be approved by the dean, administrator, or the administrator's designee.

Responsible Manager: Vice President of Student Services or designee

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