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2. "Evaluating Foreign Transcripts: A Resource Guide for School Districts," provided by the Rhode Island Department of Education (<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Instructional-Resources/Foreign-Transcript-Review/Foreign-Transcripts-Review-Resource-Guide-2-27-2012.pdf>)

3. "A Guide for the Placement and Transcript Evaluation of Foreign-Born Students," Department of Multicultural Education from the School District of Palm Beach County and School Board of Broward County, Florida (<http://www.palm-beachschools.org>)

**Q. How do I determine whether a student is a high school graduate?**

A. When in doubt, have the parent or guardian submit the foreign records to a professional credentialing agency from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (<http://www.naces.org/>) list at their own expense. The agency will determine the student's graduate status.

**Q. Is transfer credit awarded for unofficial transcripts submitted?**

A. Foreign transcripts are treated like U.S. transcripts; only official transcripts are used to award transfer credit. English translations should be verbatim without interpretation or evaluation.

**Q. What if the parent wants to appeal the transcript evaluation completed by your LEA?**

A. The LEA should review the transcript evaluation for errors and consider any new information provided directly by the school attended to determine if the transcript evaluation needs to be revised. If changes are needed, revise transcript evaluation. If no errors or new information is provided to validate a revision, have the parent submit the foreign records to a professional

credentialing agency from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) list at their own expense. The agency will determine the transfer credit and grade point average awarded for foreign school records submitted.

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"In order to increase the rate of graduation and decrease the dropout rate of ELs, school districts must create and devise an equitable system for evaluating foreign school records, including transcripts."