

## Maintaining Legal F-2 Dependent Status

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1. **Dependents of F-1 Students include spouse and children** and they can request an F-2 visa to accompany the F-1 Student.
2. **The F-2 dependent's status is directly dependent upon the F-1 Student's status.** The F-2 dependent is allowed to remain in the U.S. as long as the F-1 Student is maintaining legal status.
3. **If the F-2 dependent wishes to travel outside the U.S. and return** they must have their I-20 endorsed by authorized personnel in the Office of International Education and Programs prior to their departure. The F-2 dependent has the same requirements and the F-1 Student. Plan ahead and allow at least 5 working days to obtain I-20 endorsement.
4. **The F-2 dependent may *not* engage in full-time study** while in the U.S.
5. **The F-2 dependent cannot engage in employment of any kind.**