



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association International/Cultural Exchange Students Entering the United States

SUBMIT FORM TO YOUR WIAA DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY CHAIRPERSON

A student coming to this country for a one (1) year International/cultural exchange student is eligible at the varsity level for one (1) year only in the school in which he/she has been placed, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met and the student has not graduated from the high school equivalent in his/her home country. F-1 Visa students remaining for more than one (1) year will be considered transfer students. Graduated students can not compete interscholastically at any level (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity). This rule may not be appealed (WIAA Rule 18.12.4B).

A student coming to this country for a one (1) year international exchange student is eligible in the school ONLY if:

YES NO:

- Is the international exchange student attending school in the attendance boundary where the host family resides?
Does the international exchange student's age satisfy the WIAA limits? (18.5.0)
Excluding kindergarten, has the international exchange student completed eleven or fewer years of education? (Rule 18.12.4B)
Is this the first time the international exchange student has attended high school in the United States?
Is it an accurate statement that no person affiliated with the school had any input on the placement of the international/cultural exchange student at the school?
Is it accurate that the foreign student's host family does not include a member (paid, volunteer or booster) of the school's athletic coaching/administration staff?

If you have answered "NO" to any of the above questions, the foreign student is ineligible and will need to appeal for athletic eligibility.

_____ is an international exchange student for non-athletic reasons. As a condition of eligibility, I understand that the residence/transfer rule shall be waived for only one (1) year at the first school that I attend. Should I remain in this country longer, I will be considered a transferring student eligible at the junior varsity level for a one-year period of time.

Name of International/ Cultural Exchange Student

Date of Birth

Signature of International/Cultural Exchange Student

Date Country of Origin

International/Cultural Exchange Agency

Duration of Stay

Host High School Grade Level

School Administrator/Title

Host Family

Signature of School Administrator Date

Guidelines for Establishing International/Cultural Exchange Student

1. International/cultural exchange student must meet the same academic athletic eligibility requirement as all other students participating at that school.
2. After entering or being eligible to enter the ninth grade, a student shall have four (4) consecutive years of interscholastic eligibility.
3. In no case will eligibility be extended beyond the four (4) consecutive years. WIAA 18.14.3. states: "There can be no evidence that either the student transferred for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics or transferred as a result of having been recruited for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics."
4. An international/cultural exchange student coming to this country for a one (1) year is eligible at the varsity level for one (1) year only in the school in which he/she has been placed, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met and the student has not graduated from the high school equivalent in his/her home country.
5. An international/cultural exchange student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport must be an amateur in that sport. An amateur student-athlete is one who engages in athletics for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits, and to whom athletics is an avocation and not a source of financial reward.