



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT FORM: ENTERING U.S.

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A student coming to this country for a one year International/cultural exchange student is eligible at the varsity level for one 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 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). This form needs to be submitted to your District Eligibility Chair.

A student entering the U.S. is eligible if:

- Yes No Is the international exchange student attending school in the attendance boundary where the host family resides?
- Yes No Does the international exchange student's age satisfy the WIAA Age limits? (18.5.0)
- Yes No Excluding kindergarten, has the international exchange student completed eleven or fewer years of education? (Rule 18.12.4B)
- Yes No Is this the first time the international exchange student has attended high school in the United States?
- Yes No 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?
- Yes No 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 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.

SIGNATURES

_____		_____	
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	
_____	_____	_____	

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT:

- ◆ International/cultural exchange student must meet the same academic athletic eligibility requirement as all other students participating at that school.
- ◆ After entering or being eligible to enter the ninth grade, a student shall have four consecutive years of interscholastic eligibility.
- ◆ In no case will eligibility be extended beyond the four 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."
- ◆ An international/cultural exchange student coming to this country for a one year is eligible at the varsity level for one 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 their home country.
- ◆ 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.