Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
2017-18 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 18.11.4B).

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? (18.4.0)
☐ ☐ Excluding kindergarten, has the international exchange student completed eleven or fewer years of education? (Rule 18.11.4B)
☐ ☐ 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.*

I am 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 Exchange Student (Please print)  Date of Birth

Signature of International/Cultural Exchange Student  Date  Country of Origin

Host High School  Grade Level  School Administrator/Title

Host Family  Signature of School Administrator  Date
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 18.13.3. 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.