



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Appendix 1

Submit Appendix 1 to your WIAA District Eligibility Chairperson

Students leaving the country for one year

I will be participating in a cultural/educational exchange program next school year. Participation in this program is for cultural/educational (non-athletic) reasons. When I return from my cultural exchange, I understand I will be eligible only at the school I attended prior to leaving.

I further understand that eligibility will not be extended beyond the four consecutive year period provided for in Article 18.14.

I also understand that, prior to leaving, I must discuss my plans and how my eligibility may be affected with the athletic administrator at my school.

Name (Please print)

School

Grade Level

Signature

Country for Cultural Exchange

Parent/Guardian

Date

Students transferring to this country for one year

I am participating in a cultural/educational exchange program 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.

Name (Please print)

Date of Birth

Signature

Country of Origin

Host High School

Grade Level

School Administrator/Title

Host Family

Date

Yes No Student has graduated from high school prior to coming to the United States.
If yes, please indicate the date of graduation. _____

**NOTE: High school graduates are not eligible to compete at any level.
Rule 18.11.4B is not appealable.**

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL EXCHANGE

1. Educational/cultural exchange students 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. A student coming to this country for a one-year cultural/educational experience 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. A 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.