



2023-24 Washington Interscholastic Activities Association

**International/Cultural Exchange Student Leaving the United States for One (1) Year
Submit Form to your WIAA District Eligibility Chairperson**

_____ will be an international exchange student for the **2023-24** school year. Participation in the international exchange program is for cultural/educational (non-athletic) reasons. When I return, 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 (4) consecutive year period provided for in Article 18.15.

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.

This agreement shall be signed and dated by the high school principal, the high school counselor, high school athletic director, the student/athlete, and his/her parents. By signing this agreement, the student and family agree to all terms of the agreement and understand they must adhere to the agreed academic plan for the school year or be subject to WIAA regulations 25.4.1 which states in part: "... [if] it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible ... the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year."

Country for International/Cultural Exchange

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International/Cultural Exchange Agency

Duration of Students Stay

School Grade Level

Students

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Principal Signature

Date

Athletic Director Signature

Date

25.4.1 The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year. The one (1) year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information had been provided. The one (1) year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

1. International 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. A student leaving this country for a one-year international exchange experience shall file the cultural exchange form with his/her District Eligibility Chairperson prior to departure and will be eligible at his/her school of origin upon his/her return, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met.
4. 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.