

**PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (PIAA)  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT/INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AGREEMENT**

(Revised July 1, 2012)

**INTRODUCTION**

ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, provides for the eligibility for interscholastic athletics of a Foreign Exchange Student, who is defined as a student who is (1) in the United States (US) on a US Department of State-issued J-1 visa; (2) a participant in a program that has been recognized by the US Department of State, and has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); (3) assigned to a host family by a method that ensures that no student, or the student's parents, school, or other interested party materially influences that assignment in some way for an athletic purpose; and (4) not selected or placed on any basis relating to the student's athletic abilities or interests.

ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, also provides for the eligibility for interscholastic athletics of an International Student, who is defined as a student who is (1) in the United States (US) on a US Immigration and Naturalization Service-issued F-1 visa; and (2) enters the US for reasons that are not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

Neither Foreign Exchange Students nor International Students may reside with any member of a school's paid or voluntary coaching staff, who coaches a sport or sports in which the student will participate; and both must (1) meet the requirements of ARTICLE I (the Age Rule), ARTICLE II (the Amateur Rule), and ARTICLE V (the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation [CIPPE] Rule) of the PIAA By-Laws, and (2) be in full-time attendance at a PIAA member school.

A Foreign Exchange Student or International Student becomes eligible for a period of one year at the PIAA member school which the student attends upon the determination of the PIAA District Committee having jurisdiction over that school that (1) the student is a Foreign Exchange Student or International Student as defined above and (2) the student and the host parents, on behalf of the student, have executed and submitted to the District Committee the official "PIAA Foreign Exchange Student/International Student Eligibility Agreement", and required accompanying documents (applicable visa and completed PIAA CIPPE Form), by which the student and the host parents, on behalf of the student, each agrees that the student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at any PIAA member school shall end at the conclusion of the student's one-year of eligibility.

**AGREEMENT**

PIAA, by action of the PIAA District Committee having jurisdiction over the school named below, grants

\_\_\_\_\_, a Foreign Exchange Student or International Student from  
(Name of Foreign Exchange Student or International Student)  
\_\_\_\_\_, sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_, one-year  
(Country of Citizenship) (Name of Foreign Exchange Student Program Accepted for Listing by CSIET)  
of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at \_\_\_\_\_, and  
(Name of PIAA Member School)

\_\_\_\_\_ who resides in the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Foreign Exchange Student or International Student) (Name of Public School District)

Public School District with the host family named below and the host parents, on behalf of the student, each hereby agrees that the student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at any PIAA member school shall end at the conclusion of the student's one-year of eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Host Parent's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Host Parent's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Host Family's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Foreign Exchange Student or International Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

**PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (PIAA)**

\_\_\_\_\_, PA \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Zip Code)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PIAA District Chairman's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_