

**BYLAW 4-8-1 – Exception 2**



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***REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY OF  
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT***

Exception 2 to Bylaw 4-8-1 permits students who possess **a J-1 Visa** issued by the Federal Government’s Visitor Exchange Program to be eligible for athletics for a maximum of one school year and/or two semesters provided they meet the scholarship requirement and have not graduated from their home school, or attended **high school** more than eight semesters.

It is the expectation of the OHSAA that all REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS be preceded by a thorough review of the international exchange student’s academic records and educational history. **No** student who would be considered a “graduate” in his or her home country will be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school (please be advised that students in South America typically graduate at the end of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year). The OHSAA will only grant eligibility to those students who possess a J-1 Visa. **Please review Bylaw 4-8-1 for additional exceptions for International Students.**

**To be completed by the SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE (not the host parent)**

1. Name of School \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_
4. Student’s Home Country \_\_\_\_\_
5. Exchange Student Program \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has student previously graduated from his/her home **high school**? YES NO  
(Refer to Bylaw 4-3-5, OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws) For further clarification (Circle)  
See [www.unesco.org/iau/onlinebases/index.html](http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinebases/index.html) for enrollment and graduation information.
7. Has student previously completed eight semesters of **high school**? YES NO  
(Refer to Bylaw 4-3-3, OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws) (Circle)
8. Student’s Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is student scholastically eligible? YES NO  
(Circle)

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