

**Proposed Recommendation by  
UIL Review Advisory Committee  
to  
Standing Committee on Policy**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation***

The following recommendation would amend Section 465, Decision by Waiver Officer and Section 468, Review Decision Process.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

This amendment would add language that addresses the placement of foreign exchange students based on athletic interests to the criteria considered when making a decision on a waiver request or an appeal of the waiver officer's decision.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 465: DECISION BY WAIVER OFFICER

(b) BASIS FOR DECISION.

(3) Foreign Exchange Students. The waiver of the residence requirement of a foreign exchange student may be granted under the following conditions:

(A) A copy of the student's J-1 visa and certification papers from the approved CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) United States Foreign Exchange Program accompanies the waiver form;

(B) The exchange student has not completed four years of high school attendance and/or graduated from high school;

(C) The exchange student has not received advanced training (defined as training which is above and beyond that which is normally provided in Texas public schools) in the germane activity prior to arriving in Texas, such as pre-Olympic training, being nationally ranked or having similar status in a sport, or participation on a national team;  
**and**

(D) THE EXCHANGE STUDENT HAS NOT BEEN PLACED WITH A HOST OR A SCHOOL BASED ON ATHLETIC INTERESTS OR ABILITIES, WHETHER INITIATED OR CAUSED BY A STUDENT, A NATURAL OR HOST PARENT, A SCHOOL, A PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTY; AND

(E) The exchange student meets all other University Interscholastic League eligibility rules.

Section 468: REVIEW DECISION PROCESS

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  - (E) The exchange student meets all other University Interscholastic League eligibility rules.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

***E. Standing Committee Consideration***

The UIL Review Advisory Committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Policy approve this proposal to the UIL Legislative Council for consideration.