

ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ADM 11 - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Bylaw 1880.1, 1880.3, 1880.6:

Yes no

1880. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1880.1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEFINED – An international student is defined as any student who is not a citizen of the United States. ~~This definition shall not apply to students who have permanent non-immigrant status in the United States, as defined by a student who holds an F-1 non-immigrant visa.~~ For purposes of clarification, only a **an international** student who holds a F-1 or J-1 visa **shall be considered for varsity athletic eligibility.** ~~or has~~

A student who has been classified by the Department of Homeland Security and holds documentation identifying the student as a “Refugee,” shall **be considered for varsity eligibility, providing all other eligibility standards are met, starting on initial enrollment into a member school.** ~~be considered for athletic eligibility.~~

Note: temporary status of any kind shall not be acceptable as replacement for the three categories noted.

~~A student holding a F-1 visa shall be treated as a regular non-international student;~~ a student with a **F-1 or J-1** visa is subject to the limitations of the exchange program by-law outlined below; a student who has been identified by the Department of Homeland Security as a “Refugee” shall be treated as a regular non-international student **and the International Student Waiver shall not apply.**

1880.3 LIMITED PERIOD OF VARSITY ELIGIBILITY – Students on a J-1 visa shall have varsity eligibility for no more than three consecutive sports seasons, beginning with his or her first varsity season. **Students on an F-1 visa shall have varsity eligibility for the duration of their visa. If the F-1 visa has to be renewed, the school must submit a new request for eligibility to the CHSAA for reconsideration of varsity eligibility, based on any change in status and compliance with all other CHSAA eligibility bylaws.**

1880.6 Colorado resident students who are returning to the United States from an approved international exchange program to the school they attended prior to participating in the exchange program, shall have full varsity eligibility provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

RATIONALE: Updates the bylaw to meet guidelines of federal programs, which have changed recently. Adds a provision for Colorado students who participate in and return from an approved international exchange program.

PROS: Aligns with federal policy, cleans up language that caused confusion.

CONS: Still does not treat all foreign students the same, particularly those who are resident immigrants with no federal status.