

**TAPPS**  
**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**  
**APPLICATION**



# Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools

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Participation in high school extra-curricular activities is a unique privilege for all students, citizen and international. TAPPS' mission remains to provide extra-curricular opportunities for the students of our member schools.

International Students pursue part or all of their high school education at high schools throughout the United States. In addition to the curricular opportunities, many International Students express a desire to enjoy the benefits of participating in extra-curricular activities as well during their high school years. Host schools see benefit in students being active in their school community through participation in athletic and fine art competition.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) provides leadership for the state high school associations of all 50 states and affiliate organizations. As an affiliate organization, TAPPS supports the NFHS regulation of International Student participation. While most other NFHS organizations allow participation by only Foreign Exchange Students, TAPPS expands that opportunity by allowing students in the United States for longer periods of time to seek eligibility for participation in TAPPS sponsored extra-curricular activities.

All students must meet eligibility standards established by TAPPS and the member schools. However, for the International Student, participation is not automatic. International Students must be approved in advance of participation by the Foreign Student Committee as established by TAPPS. While many of the TAPPS member schools are registered with SEVIS to accept International Students, not all schools accept international students. Through the approval process, TAPPS seeks to provide a level field of play for all competitions; for the citizen and international student alike.

The rules governing student eligibility are found in the TAPPS Constitution and By-Laws. The rules governing International Student participation in TAPPS are expressed in Section 102 of the TAPPS By-Laws. The Foreign Student Application requires not only completion by the family, but also documentation to assist the Foreign Student Committee in determining and establishing a student's eligibility to compete in TAPPS.

For TAPPS Eligibility purposes, International Students are classified into two groups as outlined below. If a student is not a United States CITIZEN, the *Foreign Student Application* must be submitted and approved by TAPPS prior to student participation in TAPPS extra-curricular activities.

Date of Submission:

TAPPS SCHOOL (City / School Name):

School personnel submitting information:

School Personnel Email address:

Student's Full Name (as shown on Passport)

Student's nickname (if any)

Student's Permanent Address

Student's Gender  Male  Female

Student's Date of Birth

Date of Application to TAPPS school

Date of Acceptance to the TAPPS school

Date of First Attendance at TAPPS school

Parent Name

Parent Occupation

Date first enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (home country or USA)

Highest Grade completed in Home Country

 8<sup>th</sup>  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>

Student Grade in Home Country

 9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>

Student Grade at TAPPS School

 9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>

If in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, was student at this school for 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

 YES  NO

Has student repeated a grade in High School?

 YES  NO

Will student be repeating a grade at the TAPPS school?

 YES  NO

Guardian's Full Name:

Guardian's Address:

Is the guardian employed or otherwise associated with the TAPPS school?

YES

NO

**If yes, please explain.**

Did the school assist in placing the student with the guardian?

YES

NO

**If no, please explain how the student (family) made first contact with the guardian.**

**If yes, please explain the extent of the assistance provided.**

Is the family paying Room and Board to the Guardian?

YES

NO

**If no, please explain housing arrangement.**

If yes, how much is paid each month for Room and Board?

\$

Is this amount paid directly to the guardian(s)?

YES

NO

**If no, please explain the payment arrangement.**

1.  YES  NO **Has the student practiced or participated in extracurricular high school athletic activities at another school? (This includes before school, during school and during an athletic period.) If the answer is yes, a Previous Participation Form must be completed and submitted with this application.**

- 2.  YES  NO Will the student be 19 prior to September 1 of the current school year?
- 3.  YES  NO Has the student graduated high school in their home country?
- 4.  YES  NO Did the student enroll in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade more than four years ago?
- 5.  YES  NO Has the student repeated a grade in high school?
- 6.  YES  NO Will the student repeat a grade in high school?
- 7.  YES  NO Is the student enrolled in at least four academic classes at the school?
- 8.  YES  NO Will the student be residing with parents in the United States?
- 9.  YES  NO Is the student presently under suspension or ineligible at previous school?
- 10.  YES  NO Has the student attended school in the United States previously as a Foreign Exchange Student?
- 11.  YES  NO Has the student attended school in the United States previously as a Foreign Resident Student?

**Prior to applying to the new school, has the student, family or representative of the family:**


- 12.  Yes  No Communicated with any coach at the school about ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.
- 13.  Yes  No Communicated with any booster club member or school board member about ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.
- 14.  Yes  No Attended a SPORTS CAMP in the United States.
- 15.  Yes  No Attended SPORTS CAMPS in home country.
- 16.  Yes  No Discussed athletic participation in the United States with any corporate representative.
- 17.  Yes  No Participated on an AAU, CLUB, or similar team coached by a coach at this school?
- 18.  Yes  No Participated in an OFF SEASON League on a team coached by a coach at this school?
- 19.  Yes  No Received individual or GROUP INSTRUCTION, paid or unpaid, from any coach at this school.
- 20.  Yes  No Been promised a SCHOLARSHIP for ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION from this school or representative of school?
- 21.  Yes  No Attended a tryout to determine eligibility for ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION at this school?

**Prior to applying to the new school, has the student:**

- 22.  Yes  No been STATE or NATIONALLY ranked in an EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY?
- 23.  Yes  No tried out for a NATIONAL TEAM in any EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY?
- 24.  Yes  No participated on a NATIONAL TEAM in an EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY?
- 25.  Yes  No received travel, lodging or other expenses for participation on a NATIONAL TEAM?
- 26.  Yes  No received lodging or meals as a result of playing on an AAU, Club, or similar team?
- 27.  Yes  No received a "scholarship" to participate on an AAU, Club or similar team?
- 28.  Yes  No received merchandise or other valuable consideration for participation in an ATHLETIC ACTIVITY?
- 29.  Yes  No been promised payment of expenses or financial aid based on ATHLETIC ACTIVITY at this school?
- 30.  Yes  No been promised college scholarships or placement based on ATHLETIC ACTIVITY at this school?
- 31.  Yes  No competed with or against a team whose players were being paid for participation on a sports team?
- 32.  Yes  No or family agreed to pay individuals future sums for past or present representation in an ATHLETIC ACTIVITY.

**For all yes answers, please provide additional information or explanation on separate page for review by the TAPPS Foreign Student Committee.**

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	1 <sup>st</sup> Secondary School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Secondary School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Secondary School	4 <sup>th</sup> Secondary School
School Name				
School City				
Phone Number				
Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Attendance				
Date of Last Attendance				
Grade(s) Attended <small>Circle all that apply</small>	<b>9 10 11 12</b>	<b>9 10 11 12</b>	<b>9 10 11 12</b>	<b>9 10 11 12</b>
If private school, who paid tuition?				

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of school's contact at sponsoring agency:

Email or phone of the school's agency contact

**Name of Sponsoring Agency** (*Do not use abbreviations*)

Our school has reviewed the CSIET website?

YES

NO

The Sponsoring Agency is on the CSIET APPROVED list for the current school year?

YES

NO

How was contact made between the TAPPS school and the Exchange Agency?

Was participation in athletics a condition of the student being placed with the TAPPS school?  YES  NO

**If yes, please explain.**

By signature below, we affirm that we have completed this application, reviewed the responses to this questionnaire, and agree that the information presented is complete and accurate. I understand that if we have provided false or misleading answers to these questions, the student's opportunity to participate in TAPPS extra-curricular activities may be forfeited. We understand that the student is not eligible for varsity participation until approved by the TAPPS Foreign Student Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature / Date

By signature below, we affirm that we are the host family / guardian for the student listed herein. We have reviewed the above responses regarding our guardianship and are in agreement with the information presented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature / Date

By signature below, we affirm that we have reviewed the information presented herein prior to submission of the application. We affirm that the student is in compliance with the TAPPS Constitution and By-Laws, specifically those rules as presented in Section 102 of the TAPPS By-Laws.

We acknowledge that the student is not eligible for Varsity Participation in TAPPS Extra-Curricular activities, both athletics and fine arts, until approved by the TAPPS Foreign Student Committee. Any participation as defined in section VII of the TAPPS Constitution in Varsity competition prior to approval will result in sanctions against the school. **Please do not use stamp or digital signature. Place original signature below.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head Administrator Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fine Art Director Signature / Date

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1.  Completed Application
2.  All Signatures Attached (Applications with missing signatures will not be processed)
  - Student
  - Parent
  - Guardian
  - School
3.  Copy of Passport
4.  Copy of Translated Student Transcript
5.  Copy of Student Class Schedule
6.  Copy of Guardianship Agreement (may be part of Agency Agreement)
7. Room and Board Agreement
  - Copy Attached
  - No Room and Board Agreement per Exchange Program Guidelines
8. Financial Aid Agreement (**Required if student is receiving Financial Aid**)
  - Copy Attached
  - Not Receiving Financial Aid
9.  Foreign Student Application Fee (**\$25. per student**)