



## **CSIET Board Statement of Direct Placement Policy**

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In April of 2002, the CSIET Board of Directors voted to establish a new CSIET Standard regarding direct placements of exchange students. The final language for CSIET Standard 6B states:

*Standard 6B. Organizations shall not knowingly be party to a placement (inclusive of direct placements) based on athletic abilities, whether initiated by a student, a natural or host family, a school or any other interested party. A direct placement is one in which either the student or the sending organization in the foreign country is party to an arrangement with any other party, including school personnel, for the student to attend a particular school or live with a particular host family. Such direct placement must be reported to the particular school and the National Federation of State High School Associations prior to the first day of classes.*

The intent of the Board in requiring these direct placements reports to be sent to the National Federation was to provide each state athletic association with additional information to assist in the determination of athletic eligibility of each exchange student.

The Board acknowledges that exchange programs are working directly with the Federation to prevent athletic recruitment via exchange program participation. Additionally, the Board also acknowledges that many direct placements occur each year that are positive exchange experiences and are not resultant of an athletic recruitment effort. One of the classic examples of a direct placement is one where the younger sibling of a former exchange student returns to the same host family and school to continue a connection begun by the older sibling. Often, natural parents prefer these placements as the host family and school are proven placement environments for exchange.

The CSIET Board envisions that these direct placements will provide valuable input for Federation state associations when determining athletic eligibility for potential exchange students. These reports are not intended to serve as an automatic disqualification list for all directly placed students in that state.