

**LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT POLICY  
FOR STUDENTS WITH J-1 VISA**

**GENERAL**

1. Lima Central Catholic (LCC) accepts international students who have been granted permission to study in the United States on a J-1 visa. The student must live with his/her legal guardian in the State of Ohio.
2. International students are encouraged to participate in a respected international student exchange program such as ASSE.
3. International students enrolled in senior classes will receive an honorary diploma unless they meet all of the requirements set forth by the Diocese of Toledo and State of Ohio for graduating seniors. Students who do not meet the requirements but pass all courses taken during their exchange year will receive an honorary diploma.
4. If a student wishes to receive an academic diploma, the student must make a request in writing to LCC and provide an official transcript translated into English at least 30 days prior to the first day of the school year.
5. LCC considers foreign exchange students an enhancement to our community and places no limit on the number of students accepted during any given school year. Enrollment by July 1 prior to the school year is encouraged, but late enrollment will be considered.
6. Full tuition payment is expected of all foreign exchange students prior to their arrival.
7. One-year exchange programs are encouraged, but one semester programs of study will be considered. Full year students will be given priority in scheduling classes.
8. Exchange students are encouraged to arrive at the homes of their host families at least one week prior to the beginning of classes to give the student time to adjust to their new surroundings. LCC conducts an important orientation program specifically for exchange students prior to the start of the school year.
9. Exchange students must begin classes within two weeks of the start of the semester. Course work is missed and classes are disrupted when students arrive late.
10. LCC reserves the right to deny enrollment for any reason.

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**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Lima Central Catholic is a member in good standing of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and thereby is governed by the regulations set forth in the OHSAA Handbook, Section 8, regarding participation of international and exchange students in interscholastic athletics.
2. In accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Handbook, Section 4-8-1, an international student cannot participate in athletics unless the student holds a J-1 visa.
3. If the student intends to play a fall sport, it is highly recommended that he/she arrives by August 1 when practice begins. Participation will not be allowed if the student arrives after the first athletic competition if cuts were made in that sport.
4. With permission of the athletic director, a student may practice but not compete in athletic competition until officially deemed eligible by the OHSAA.
5. No more than five exchange students from any one agency are allowed to participate in athletics in any given school year. Therefore, students are encouraged to make their intentions known by submitting the appropriate forms as soon as possible upon enrollment. Students who enroll in LCC as their first school choice, rather than enrolling after being denied entrance into a public school, will be given preference. If more than five request participation, the date on which eligibility is confirmed will be the determining factor. Eligibility alone does not guarantee the student may participate; he/she must also be selected by the coach for the team on which participation is desired.