



Dear School Administrator,

CSIET (the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) just recently published its list of approved programs for the 2015-2016 academic year. This year's list includes schools and programs that place international (F-1) students. In order to have your school considered among the approved CSIET organizations for the 2016-2017, CSIET and the NFHS have collaborated on this document to help schools/programs understand the timing of the CSIET listing process and the importance of the distinction between CSIET Membership and Listing.

CSIET Listing is backed by the CSIET seal of approval.



Parents, students, state associations and policy makers count on CSIET to evaluate and approve international student programs. Our programs abide by the [CSIET Standards](#) and strive to improve programming and maintain quality. Below are a few examples of areas we evaluate:

- 1. Safety and welfare of students -- Stakeholders trust that our programs are dedicated to properly (and without bias), vetting host families and local coordinators in accordance with CSIET Standards and industry preferred practices.*
- 2. Athletics -- Stakeholders trust the extent to which CSIET programs place students on the basis of criteria appropriate to the program, and not on the basis of athletic ability/eligibility.*

Many state associations and policy makers have policies in place that require programs to be CSIET Listed in order to place students in their schools/districts. Please consult your State Dept. of Education or State Athletic Association for relevant policies.

In order for schools/programs to be compliant with CSIET Standards, they must first be members of CSIET (see membership application link below for more information). Membership with CSIET is not the same as Listing with CSIET.

Distinction between Membership and Listing

*CSIET membership does not denote acceptance for listing in the CSIET Advisory List. Non-listed CSIET members may not promote themselves as being CSIET-listed, nor may they use the CSIET listing logo in promotional materials or on their websites. If a non-listed exchange program that is a CSIET member chooses to publicize its membership, it must always state that it is a **Non-Listed Member of CSIET**. This applies to websites, correspondence, program materials, and any other communication with schools, students, host families, athletic associations, or other interested parties. The CSIET Board of Directors has approved this policy and reserves the right to revoke membership if a program or organization claims listing status when such status has not been approved by CSIET.*

Applications

****Applications for CSIET Membership are now being accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year.***

2015-2016 Membership Application

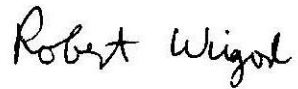
<http://www.csiet.org/become-a-member/school-member.html>

****Listing applications for the 2015-2016 academic year will not be available until early November, 2015.***

Below is a link to last year's Listing Application Instructions and Listing Application Forms.
<http://www.csiet.org/about/listing-process.html>

Thank you for your interest, and CSIET looks forward to working with you in 2015-2016. Should you have any questions regarding CSIET Membership and Listing, please do not hesitate to call CSIET directly, at 703-739-9050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wigod". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rob Wigod
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Commissioner of Athletics