

Christ the King Cathedral School International Student Program

We welcome international students and the diversity they bring to Christ the King School. Christ the King Cathedral School provides international students with a quality college-prep education in a faith-based environment. Whether students are wanting to continue their studies at an American university, or return to their home country after graduation, Christ the King School will open doors for students from around the world.

International Student Support

An international student joins a team of support from the moment they begin the enrollment process. This team includes our international student coordinator, counselor, admissions coordinator and teachers. Based on student need, weekly or daily ESL support is provided to international students at Christ the King. Additionally, due to our small class sizes, classroom teachers offer time and tutoring throughout the week. School wide, teachers are available on Fridays from 2:15-3:30 for tutoring, daily during conference times or as scheduled.

Passports, Visas and International Student Fee

Christ the King Cathedral School issues F-1 visas allowing international students to complete their coursework for the duration of their high school years until graduation. Christ the King issues each student an I-20 upon completion of paperwork, interview, and payment of the international student fee. This annual \$1500 fee holds a student's spot in our program and is used to pay fees associated with I-20 issuance and ESL support. Upon issuance of the I-20, it is the expectation that the student will remain at Christ the King for the duration of the high school years. Transfer to other schools will not be granted, and I-20's will be terminated if a student decides to pursue other American high schools.

It is the responsibility of our international students to keep validity of the passports. A student's passport must not expire within six (6) months of program end date. It is the responsibility of the international student and their families to maintain up-to-date passports.

Student Expectations

International students are expected to follow the behavior and academic guidelines outlined in our student handbook. Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in probation or termination of a student's I-20.

Travel

Students are to consult with the school before plane tickets are purchased for home travel to ensure they arrive at least five days prior to the first day of school. Additionally, students are expected to stay for the duration of each semester, and must arrive by the beginning of the 2nd semester. Travel during the Christmas Break will not be allowed if it interferes with the school class schedule without prior authorization.

Host Families

We understand that all international students are not able to live with relatives. While Christ the King does not have a hosting program, we do work with Prestige EDU, and are happy to put you in contact with them if your child requires a host family.

Additionally, international students that live with host families are expected to follow the policies and guidelines set by Prestige EDU. We support all Prestige EDU decisions and work closely with the agency.

Language Immersion

As our goal is to help international students improve their English, we do require all international students to be enrolled in our ESL (English as a Second Language) class, for a minimum of the first 2 years that they are enrolled at Christ the King Schools. Following those 2 years, the student may be dismissed from ESL at the discretion of the school administrators depending on course grades and PSAT scores reflecting “benchmarking” of tested areas.

We believe that second language acquisition is best acquired by language immersion. While we understand that many international students will live with families with their native culture, it is best when the English language can be practiced outside of school. In school, students are expected to practice their English during all conversations with peers and teachers. This will allow for confidence to be built in their English, and classes will become easier to understand as their vocabulary and comprehension increases.

Medical Insurance

International students are required to have medical insurance. Several policies are available. The International Student Coordinator will provide information to students. Proof of medical insurance must be presented and a copy made for school record within two weeks of the first day of class.

Immunizations

Upon acceptance, students will be informed of necessary immunizations to meet state standards. Students are asked to bring proof of needed immunizations within two weeks of their first day of class.

Requirements

- Applying for grades 8th- 10th
- Academically motivated and successful
- Ready for full immersion classes taught in English
- Interested in participating in curricular and extra-curricular activities
- Respectful of world culture and values
- A desire to study and participate in a Christian environment

Application Process

While we do not have a formal application for international students, we suggest reaching out to our international student coordinator (see link on our website) prior to applying online with our new student link. Once contact has been made we will ask for the following:

1. Meet the family member he/she would be living with here or discuss host family needs
2. Receive a copy of student's passport, birth certificate, transcripts and shot records
3. Visit with prospective student for a few minutes in person or via Skype, we-chat or video conference.

Once these steps are complete, and we mutually agree this is a good fit for the student, then the international student fee should be paid so the I-20 can be issued. The visa process can be a lengthy one, so we try to process the I-20 in a matter of days so that an appointment with the home country's embassy can be made in a timely manner. Once a Visa has been issued, formal registration on our website should be completed. Again, our international student coordinator will help you every step of the way.