

Sioux Falls Christian Schools

International Student Admissions Policy

1. International Student Agency: Students participating in an international student exchange program through an agency must be working with a state-approved agency.
2. Transcript and Academic Progress: A current transcript translated into English must be provided and include all coursework completed or in progress. Each course must include a grade or key to interpret the score, the number of hours spent in the classroom each week, and duration of the grading period in weeks. Sioux Falls Christian High School (SFCHS) reserves the right to deny admission to students not showing strong academic promise. If admitted, students must maintain an adequate level of academic performance. Those not meeting this standard could be placed on probation or sent home.
3. Proof of English Proficiency: Students must show an adequate level of English proficiency based on a TOEFL or SLEP test, or other equivalent language proficiency assessment. International students are expected to meet the same rigor of coursework as all other students. SFCHS does not offer ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. If additional tutoring is requested, the cost of those services is the student's responsibility.
4. Letter of Application: A written letter to Administration must be submitted, explaining why the student wishes to attend SFCHS, including a statement about their faith. All international students must receive approval from the Administration for admission.
5. Acceptance of Sioux Falls Christian Schools Mission Statement: All students are expected to respect the faith community in which they study. The student will be expected to reverently participate in any coursework and faith-based programs as required by the administration.
6. Letter of Recommendation: The student must be in good standing with the current school he/she is attending. A letter of recommendation from the student's current school of attendance is required. The student will not be considered for SFCHS admission if there are any disciplinary infractions or attendance issues.
7. Graduation: Students seeking to graduate from SFCHS will be reviewed on an individual basis. Typically, **the student must be in a US high school for 2 years prior to graduation** in order to fulfill all graduation requirements. SFCHS will consider admitting a student for more than one year if the student is in good standing after one year of completion of course work.
8. Host Family: The student must live with a parent/guardian or an approved host family. The student may not live by himself/herself. If a student is working through an exchange program, the SFCHS Administration will work with the local representative to approve applicants. The student and host family are responsible for the transportation of the student to and from school.
9. Proof of Financial Support: A non-refundable \$250 deposit must be submitted with registration forms. A bank statement from the parents or guardians providing financial support must be submitted for an I-20 to be completed. The statement must be translated in English and currency shown in US dollars. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the start of the school year.

Deadline: Inquiries for the following school year must be made by June 30th.