

Sioux Falls Christian Schools International Student Program

The International Student Program at Sioux Falls Christian Schools is located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Students enjoy a secure, non-violent, drug-free atmosphere, where they can see their academic potential realized as well as develop wholesome and long-lasting friendships. The current International Student Program includes students from Asia and South America.

Admission Criteria

Sioux Falls Christian Schools is looking for serious students who are Christians or who are interested in learning about the Christian faith and lifestyle or students who are sponsored by a Christian agency. While most students enter in 8th or 9th grade and plan to continue in the school through graduation, students wishing to study at Sioux Falls Christian Schools for fewer years are also welcome.

Students Must Demonstrate:

- Academic ability and interest (minimum "C" average or better)
- Self discipline
- Ability to establish priorities and carry them through
- Emotional maturity needed to adjust to a new language and culture

Admission Dates

Standard Admission: Late July for the fall or "first" semester

Late December for the spring or "second" semester

Applications are accepted throughout the year; however, a minimum of two months should be allowed for document processing before an anticipated arrival date (usually 2 to 3 weeks before the actual start of classes).

Applicants for first semester should plan to have all documents in our office by June 1, and November 1 for second semester since space availability cannot be guaranteed after those dates. As a new semester approaches, every effort will be made to process applications as quickly as possible.

Failure to submit all the required documents will delay the processing of the application.

Applicants who have been selected for admission will be provided the I-20 immigration document. This will allow the student to apply for the student Visa.

English as a Second Language Program (ESL)

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is available at a local public high school and consists of a three-year English curriculum. There are three levels of English placement and yearly advancement. English proficiency is evaluated at admission and students are placed into the appropriate level of English study. Subsequently, students will also be able to test out of the ESL Program. Mathematical ability will also be evaluated upon admission and students will be placed in the appropriate level of our current Math program.

All International students have the option to audit their classes in the first semester until they have developed sufficient proficiency in English.

At the end of each year students will be evaluated to determine their continued eligibility for ESL.

An additional cost is assessed to the student's tuition for the ESL program.

Credit Transfers

Qualifying courses presented on transcripts will be accepted for credit transfer.

The number and types of transferable course credits, as well as English and Math proficiency (determined by entrance testing), will decide the final grade level and class placement of the student at admission.

Activities

Students are required to participate in one extra-curricular activity at Sioux Falls Christian High School. These activities include a wide variety of sports, drama, music, as well as service opportunities.

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Girls/Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Cheerleading

Winter Sports: Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading

Spring Sports: Boys Baseball, Golf, and Track

Yearlong Activities: Band/Pep Band, Choir, Drama, Yearbook, Sonspot (school newspaper), and Student government

Host Families

Sioux Falls Christian Schools is a family oriented school, and each student is required to live with a family. International students who are not living with their families are placed with Christian host families who are screened and approved by the school. Students and host families are matched as closely as possible in interest, temperaments, and specific requests. Students are encouraged to participate in as many family activities as possible. As we are a Christian school, our students, their families, and host families must acknowledge and be willing to work within the school's Statement of Faith. Students are expected to attend church with their host family. Student expenses include the host family compensation, which covers food (including lunches when they are made at home), lodging, and transportation to and from school.

Counseling

Formal grade reports will be sent to the student's parents, representative and host family four times a year.

Annual Tuition and Fees

For current amounts, see fee schedule included in your admissions packet. Annual Tuition is expected to be paid in full before the student can start school.

Application Fee

This fee covers the cost of application evaluation, document preparation, and courier express return of acceptance documents.

Application fees are payable at the time the application is presented. They are not refundable unless the school is unable to accept the application. (Application fees remain non-refundable if the application is accepted but the student is unable to obtain the appropriate Visa).

Tuition

Tuition includes all regular course work. It does not include sports, standardized testing fees, field trip transportation, field trips, and materials. Also it does not include lunches, social functions, and other events that are optional. Tuition refunds will be made for semesters paid for but not yet

begun. The school office will send quarterly reports to the parents via e-mail.

Host Family Fees

This fee covers lodging and food (when prepared at home).

Insurance

Students are required to show evidence of insurance coverage for accident and illness for the time that they are enrolled at Sioux Falls Christian Schools. The insurance policy should provide coverage for medical expenses totaling up to \$250,000.

For further information and application forms contact:

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