

International Student Program FAQs - High School

1. Do you accept students for fall or spring semester?

Fall is the best time to start so that you may integrate into the class. Short term (a few weeks or months) students may start at any time. For Long Term students - students who meet our International Student Program criteria and can demonstrate all the necessary components of their eligibility into the program can apply for the spring, but the fall start date is preferable when possible. Both fall and spring applicants will be required to attend a two week English intensive program at Summerfield during the month of August for the first two years of study at Summerfield.

2. Do you accept students for 11th grade and 12th grade?

We only accept international students into the 11th grade who have previously attended a Waldorf school for more than two years. We do not accept new international students into the 12th grade unless they are a short term exchange student.

3. How much are the tuition and fees for international students for 2018-2019 school year?

\$33,205

4. Do you accept high school students that do not come from a Waldorf school?

Students who have not previously attended a Waldorf school are eligible to enter the 9th and 10th grades if they meet the criteria of the program, including test scores.

5. What is the minimum score for TOEFL, TOEFL Jr. or iTEP SLATE, etc. for each grade?

Grade	TOEFL	iTEP Slate	TOEFL Jr.	IELTS	ELS
9th	60	4	750	5.5	Level 109
10th	70	4.4	780	6.0	Level 109
11th	80	4.9	820	6.5	Level 109

Our TOEFL code is B703. We also do iTEP testing on site for a small fee (\$45). Please contact the ESL coordinator to schedule a test date.

6. What if I don't have a high enough test score? Can I still apply?

You can apply to study in the 8th grade, or attend an approved intensive English language course (such as ELS) for the amount of time needed in order to achieve the test scores, or pass level 109 at ELS. Please contact the ESL coordinator if you have any questions about this or other matters concerning English proficiency and testing.

7. What does the interview process involve?

High school students must first demonstrate a high enough English test score or show proof of equivalency. Students who meet this criteria can then apply to attend Summerfield.

International students must first meet, either in person or via video chat, with our ESL Coordinator and a Counselor and then, if deemed eligible, will meet with a class teacher or the Class Advisors for the applying class. After those interviews, notes will be weighed and considered to determine a student's acceptance into the class.

8. Do we need to have our academic records translated?

Yes, all academic records need to be submitted in English with appropriate conversion of credits into the High School.

9. How many international and Chinese students attend your school now?

The 2017-2018 academic year has 9 international students, 5 of whom are from China.

10. How many students do you accept per year?

We will accept no more than 4 international students into a class.

11. Can we arrange host families by ourselves?

Yes you may. Summerfield requires a guarantee of a stable home environment for all High School students with a designated agent, and a stable home environment for all Lower School students with an accompanying parent or guardian. Sometimes high school students use a homestay organization like International Student Placements (<http://www.isphomestays.com>) if they require a homestay.

12. What is the cost of rentals in the area?

Average housing costs for 12 months in 2016 for two adults and a child in an apartment was \$18,898. Housing in a single family home will be higher. For more information, please see <http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/06097>.

13. Do you provide health insurance for international students?

No, we do not. Students and their families are responsible for organizing and renewing health insurance for themselves.

14. Do you offer ESL classes for international students?

Yes, we do. We have a program that supports students in a minimum two-year ESL program. This includes summer courses to help students integrate culturally, as well as academically, and a 3-4 times a week course for the first two years in adapted English and cultural integration. Additionally, international students are required to have one-on-one English tutoring at least twice a week unless they can demonstrate language capacity that meets the expectations of Summerfield's student standards to participate fully in its regular classes.

15. What is the deadline for the application?

We are currently accepting applications.

16. How do I apply?

Please see our international application checklist at <http://www.summerfieldwaldorf.org/apply-now>