

## International Student Program FAQs - High School

### 1. Do you accept students for Fall or Spring semester?

We highly recommend starting in the Fall, but we do occasionally accept students in the Spring. Short term (a few weeks or months) students may start at any time. For Long Term students - 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 year of study at Summerfield, unless the student does not require English language support.

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

We occasionally accept students into 11th grade. We do not accept new international students into the 12th grade unless they are a short term exchange student, or a transfer student from another Waldorf school who does not need English language support.

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

Yes.

### 4. What is the recommended score for TOEFL, iTEP SLATE, IELTS, etc. for each grade?

Grade	TOEFL	iTEP-SLATE	IELTS
9th	50	3.5	5.5
10th	60	4	6
11th	70	4.5	6.5
12th	80	-	-

Our TOEFL code is **B703**. We can also do iTEP-SLATE testing at our school for a small fee. Please contact the ESL coordinator to schedule a test date [olivia@summerfieldwaldorf.org](mailto:olivia@summerfieldwaldorf.org)

**5. What if I don't have a high enough English language test score? Can I still apply?**

Yes, but priority will go to students who meet the language requirements. We also have an English as a Second Language program at our school for students who require more English language support.

If a student has no English ability we sometimes recommend that the student repeats 8th grade.

Students with low English ability might not be able to get grades (credit) for their classes during their first year, and they will need to make up missed credits later on. Depending on the situation, we can possibly accept the student into the school. Please consult the ESL Coordinator before you apply. She can also advise you on a path for achieving the desired language ability for our program. Please contact [olivia@summerfieldwaldorf.org](mailto:olivia@summerfieldwaldorf.org)

**6. 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.

**7. Do we need to have our academic records translated?**

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

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

The 2018-2019 academic year has 14 international students, 9 of which come from China and Taiwan.

**9. How many students do you accept per year?**

We will accept no more than 4 English language learners into a class. If a student is already proficient at English they do not count towards this number.

**10. 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.

## **11. 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>.

## **12. 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.

## **13. 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 a two week summer intensive course 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 may be 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.

## **14. What is the deadline for the application?**

We are currently accepting applications.

## **15. How do I apply?**

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