

## International Student Application Checklist

Thank you for considering **Denver Christian School** for your family's educational needs. All international students applying for admission to Denver Christian School (DCS) must apply online at [www.denverchristian.org/admissions/apply](http://www.denverchristian.org/admissions/apply). You will need to create a new account to fill out our Online Application. There is a specific International Student Application packet to choose, with a required \$1,000 application fee upon submission.

### Denver Christian School's International Student Program

All international students are a part of the International Student Program (ISP) at Denver Christian School. This program provides an orientation before the school year begins, off-campus cultural and language learning experiences throughout the year, and on-campus periodic meetings with our International Student Director to assess both student and program success.

International students are expected to pay Denver Christian's high school tuition plus educational fees the same as for any DCS student. In addition, the international student is required to pay an International Student fee of \$5000 per year. All international students are also expected to have personal spending money, along with a living stipend to be paid to the host family (through the Placement Agency).

### Additional Information:

1. *English Proficiency*—before an F-1 visa I-20 form can be issued for a high school applicant, the foreign student must have taken and received the following minimum TOEFL scores (50 for 9th grade, 55 for 10th grade, 60 for 11th grade) or the following minimum TOEFL Jr. scores (650 for 9th grade, 700 for 10th grade, 750 for 11th grade).
2. Host families of international students must be professing Christians and meet all other requirements of DCS families. Denver Christian does not provide host families for International students.
3. International students will be placed in courses at the highest grade level deemed appropriate by the administration after evaluating the English proficiency and admissions testing results and in consultation with parents, host parents, and student.
4. International students will be graded according to the same standards as any DCS student.
5. International students **MUST** be associated with a placement organization or live with a relative local to the Denver metro area.
6. A diploma will be awarded to any international student who completes course requirements similar to those required of full time DCS students. Any exceptions to the graduation requirements must follow the same waiver process as for any DCS student.
7. Denver Christian does not offer an ESL program. Often, international students are required to get outside tutoring (at the student's expense) to ensure academic and language success. This requirement can be a part of a probation period or can be required for a longer period of time.

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8. Once the student is admitted to Denver Christian School, it is the responsibility of the student and his/her family to ensure that all visa documents and requirements of the US Government, related health records and financial transactions are taken care of in a timely manner before traveling to the United States. International families must comply with all instructions included in the I-20 form. Denver Christian School is not responsible for any additional expenses that result from these transactions and the timelines related to them.
9. Similar to all new students, International students who are admitted will be administered a complete MAP placement test during their first trimester of attendance. The results of this test may impact future placement and enrollment of the student.
10. HS Athletics: Participation in Denver Christian's extra-curricular sports requires additional sports fee(s), a health physical in English and eligibility requirements. Sports offered include cross-country, track, boys baseball, cheer, golf, basketball, soccer, boys football and girls volleyball. Sports fees are \$350 per sport. Students must not be failing any of the courses they are taking in order to be eligible to play games.
11. There is a required International Student Orientation for both students and host families before the school year starts. Please watch for dates and times from our ISP director.

**In addition to the Online Application, please refer to the following checklist for International Student Requirements.**

**Each of the following must be submitted in English:**

Proof of international personal health insurance plan for student

- Bank statement verifying funds of \$25,000
- Signed health physical (if participating in DC Athletics)
- Copy of TOEFL or TOEFL Jr. scores
- A copy of Placement Agency Contract
- Letters of recommendations by teachers
- Most recent official school transcript
- Most recent standardized testing scores
- Copy of Immunization Records
- Copy of Passport
- Student writing sample answering the following essay question: ***"What do you hope to gain from an American education at Denver Christian School?"*** 250 word minimum. Send/Email to Admission Office.

**If you have any questions, please call our Admissions Director, Carrie Johnson, at 303-763-7919 between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST). You may also contact us by Fax at 303-733-7734 or via email at [admissions@denverchristian.org](mailto:admissions@denverchristian.org).**