



Maranatha Christian Schools

International Program FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. How does MCS define International Student?

An international student at MCS is any 6th-12th grade nonimmigrant who requires a form I-20 & an F-1 (student) visa to attend school in the United States who intends to enroll for a minimum of 1-academic year.

2. Does MCS have short-term or summer programs for international students? Not at this time

3. When is the application deadline? Do you still have seats available?

Applications open annually on November 1st for the following school year and will remain open until all seats are filled - we do not have a deadline. So, the sooner you can get your application in, the better!

4. Do I need to take an English Proficiency test?

Yes, proof of English proficiency within the last 6 months is *required* for all applicants (*no exceptions*)! Please note that the iTep is our *preferred* test. It can be taken from home immediately, requires no preparation, and results are available within 24 hours! Click [here](#) to see our requirements & to find a link to the test itself.

5. What documents do I need to have ready to submit with my application?

You will need 1) a clear copy of your current passport; 2) immunization record (translated into English; dated, stamped, & signed by a physician); 3) English proficiency scores; 4) current progress report or most recent report card; 5) complete transcript/report card from the last two full academic years

6. How and when can I get my I-20 from MCS?

The official I-20 will be sent directly to the student, after all enrollment materials and tuition & fees have been paid (& received) in full.

7. What happens if my visa is denied?

In the event of an official, documented visa denial, a refund will be issued minus the non-refundable enrollment fees.

8. Does MCS provide Homestay services?

YES! MCS can and would love to manage your host family placement. If you are interested in learning more about the program, let us know!

9. How much is tuition for MCS international students?

The MCS International Program provides many additional supports - including ESL, sheltered Bible, tutoring, additional College & Guidance support, health insurance, homestay management, and more! Please email international.admissions@gomcs1.com to inquire about the current rate.

10. Do I need medical/health insurance?

International student health insurance is required and included in the tuition & fee package.

11. Does MCS offer any financial aid or scholarships for international students?

Student need is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.