



MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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What grades are offered in your International Program?

We are approved by the US Department of Homeland Security to accept and issue Form I-20's to 6th – 12th grade students.

How do I apply to your school?

You can view the International admissions requirements, application instructions, fee schedules and complete an application from our International page on our website at www.maranathachristianschools.org.

What happens after I turn in my application?

After you complete and submit your online application, you will need to pay the required application fee of \$400.00 by Western Union wire transfer, US Check or Credit Card Payment. The Director of International students will review your file. If any documentation is missing you will be notified immediately. Once all necessary documentation has been submitted a Skype interview will be set up with the Director of International Students and the applicant.

If the student is accepted, the student will receive the Form I-20 after the tuition and registration fees have been paid in full.

Do I need to have an agency apply?

No, but every International student is required to have a US guardian, 25 years or older that agrees to be an *active* guardian. The guardian must be available by phone or email. San Diego or Los Angeles residents are preferred in case of an emergency.

What is the cost?

[Please refer to the International Tuition and Fee Schedule on our website.](#) Please note that at this time, MCS is unable to offer financial aid or scholarship opportunities to our international students.

Does MCS accept short-term or single semester students?

Yes, we will consider students who only wish to attend first semester and we will accept second semester 9th grade student applications.

Do I have to be a Christian to attend MCS?

Our school is a Christian school; however, not all students who attend our school profess faith in Christianity. We do ask that all applicants be open to hearing about Christianity as it is an integral part of our curriculum for all subjects. All students are required to attend a chapel service once a week and to be enrolled in a Biblical studies class during each year they attend MCS.

What colleges are your International and American students accepted by?

Our International students have been accepted to all of the University of California (UC) Schools, University of Washington, St. Louis, MIT, University of Chicago, and many top level universities throughout the US.

What is MCS like?

MCS is blessed to have a large campus and the ability to offer many sports opportunities for our students. We encourage our Junior High and High School students to be involved in extracurricular activities and clubs on campus. In our High School, we have a one to one iPad Program and 95% of the textbooks are digital. We have begun a project lead the way curriculum focusing on math and engineering programs. In the 2019-20 school year we will have an International Student Mentor/Leadership Program. We have a nurturing environment due to our small class sizes and all of our teachers are very willing to help the students succeed. This is a very friendly environment and we love to welcome new international and domestic students each year.

Does MCS have dormitories on campus?

We do not have dormitories on campus but we partner with a local homestay provider. They will find homes in the local area for our students. They will interview the students and families to find the best living environment for our students. The best way to learn a new culture and language is to be immersed in that culture. Living with an American family is a great way to do this!

How many international students does MCS currently accept each year?

We have between 45-50 international students on campus each year. We also try to have as many countries represented as possible to avoid cultural enclaves within the school. We have had students enrolled in our program from the following countries; South Korea, China, Vietnam, Brazil, Spain, France, Mexico, Austria and Germany. We hope to add many more countries each year!

Does MCS offer ELD (English Language Development) support to students?

Yes, in our High School Program we do offer 5 ELD classes to benefit our international students as they begin their studies in English. We offer SDAIE (Specially Directed Academic Instruction in English) courses such as English 9, US History, English Support Class and Bible. The English and History courses are University of California approved and assist students in their college preparation.

Can I take AP (Advanced Placement) courses at MCS as an international student?

We encourage our international students to take AP courses! With teacher recommendation, many international students take multiple AP courses. Our high school students currently can select classes from 16 AP courses if they wish to take on the extra challenge!

If it is my first year at MCS, can I pick my own classes?

For every first-year international student, courses will be assigned based on English and math testing. You may be required to take ELD/SDAIE courses to improve your English before being matriculated into our mainstream courses. However, most international students have at least one or two periods per year where they can select from our variety of elective courses.

Where is MCS located?

MCS is located 25 miles north of Downtown San Diego. We are 10 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and 60 miles south of Los Angeles.

What is the closest airport to MCS?

The closest airport to our school is the San Diego International Airport. It is about 30 minutes from our school. Most of our international students, however, fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) which is about one hour from our school.

I have more questions, who do I contact?

Please email our International Program Director, Mrs. Suzi Rodgers at suzi.rodgers@maranathachristianschools.org if you have additional questions.