

# **Non-English Speaking Students**

## **Educational Expectations and Policies**

### **Delaware County Christian School**

#### **Introduction and Purpose**

It is the intention of Delaware County Christian School to be a place that serves international students from Christian families. This purpose is driven by the conviction that these and naturalized ESL students bring to the school community a richness of culture that enhances the learning experience of all. Also, through the education of these international students, the influence of a Christ-centered education is spread throughout the world and among different cultures. This noble goal must be achieved through compliance with carefully crafted policies so that the student and the school achieve the desired objective. Therefore, Delaware County Christian School welcomes applications from qualified international students.

#### **Challenge**

Non-English speaking students present a particular challenge to DCCS because English language proficiency is required for a student to earn legitimate credits in courses that require extensive reading and understanding skills. Since DCCS does not offer an ESL program that provides a total ESL experience, students who enter high school must have sufficient proficiency to understand material with the help of limited ESL assistance. Since academic credits are not as critical for middle school students, no language level proficiency is required for these students to be admitted. However, these students must be enrolled in an ESL program when in attendance. *DCCS does not enroll elementary level students who are not English language proficient.*

#### **Definitions of an International Student:**

An International Student is one who possesses at least one of the following criteria:

- a. Requires the issuance of an I-20 for admission to the United States.
- b. Is not proficient in English and requires ESL support.
- c. Does not possess a functional level of English.

#### **Requirements for Admission of Non-English Speaking Students (ESL)**

Before DC will issue the official INS I-20 form or accept an international student, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Application materials will be sent to the family upon request. The guidelines for international students will be a part of this packet of materials. A \$500 non-refundable application fee will be required at the time the application is filed.
2. The applying family must supply DC with current math and English recommendations and scores from current teachers.
3. The student must supply a one-page sample of written English under the direction of a proctor.
4. An interview via phone, videotape or audio tape recording will be conducted with the student to gain some understanding of the student's language proficiency.
5. Families must supply DC with a recently monitored SSAT test score, as well as a monitored SLEP Test score.
6. After all information and test scores are received, evaluated and approved, the school will then issue an agreement of acceptance. The family will sign this agreement and remit a \$1500 registration fee with this form.

7. Upon receipt of this acceptance form, the school will issue the I-20 for international students to take to INS in order to obtain admittance into the United States.
8. Enrollment of international students in grades 6-12 will be limited to 3 new students per grade or a maximum of 21 students.
9. It is assumed that ESL instruction will be required. If a student is to be excused from this requirement, it will be based on classroom experience after entrance in the school and enrollment in the ESL program. A pro-rated refund will be provided.
10. A charge of \$2100 will be assessed for the ESL service (3 classes per week minimum).

### **Policies (Middle School / High School)**

1. Students enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade must earn a minimum of 5 credits through a combination of ESL work, actual grades received (i.e. art, music, math, science) or two credits of a pass/fail nature to be determined by the school.
2. Students entering grade 10 must score 65% on the SLEP (Secondary Language English Proficiency) test in order to continue their education at DC. Most schools consider this level of achievement sufficient for the student to successfully be mainstreamed with limited ESL support.
3. Students who enter DC as new 11<sup>th</sup> graders must score a 190/520 on the TOEFL in order to be accepted for enrollment. Evidence of this score will be required prior to the issuance of the I-20 form.
4. Students who take ESL will be granted 1 credit for the three hours of instruction received each week in ESL. This credit is given based on standards established by the instructor.
5. The only condition under which a new international 12<sup>th</sup> grade student would be considered for enrollment in the school is if the student has successfully completed the junior year in an American public, Christian or independent school. Also, the student must have a TOFEL score of 550 on paper based test and 213 on computer based test.
6. International students do not need to meet the high school language requirement but may elect to take high school language courses.

### **Graduation Standards for ESL Students**

The goal of DCCS is to be an effective educational instrument used by God to develop students to their fullest potential. This potential should position the student to take full advantage of the next level of education. In addition, students who graduate from DC should be marked by the quality expected of DC graduates in both courses taken and perspectives embraced. With the exception mentioned above for a senior who has been enrolled in another American school, all international students should complete two years at Delaware County Christian School. During those two years the student must successfully complete junior and senior level courses in order to meet the school's graduation requirements.

### **ESL Program**

Students enrolled in ESL will have at least three (3) sessions per six (6) day cycle. In addition, the ESL teacher will function as an advisor and will arrange for further individual tutoring for students as is needed.

### **Insurance**

International students will be required to be covered with an insurance policy either from their family and home country or from the school. The school policy will range between \$55 and \$80 per month depending on the level of coverage selected.

### **Application Deadlines**

Since the enrollment of an international student involves several steps and procedures, it is necessary that all steps of the admissions process be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
2006 / 2007 TUITION SCHEDULE**

**Fee Schedule**

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$ 500.00
Agreement of Acceptance/International Services Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Tuition per Year (includes <i>Fund for DC</i> support)	\$10,000.00
English as a Second Language Program (ESL)	\$ 2,100.00

**Activity Fee**

Activity fees are assessed for field trips, retreats, special school programs, outdoor education, etc., and will vary from grade to grade. The senior fee includes cap & gown, graduation, diploma and other expenses.

Grade 6	\$120.00
Grade 7	\$260.00
Grade 8	\$210.00
Grade 9	\$175.00
Grade 10	\$180.00
Grade 11	\$220.00
Grade 12	\$350.00

*Note: All fees listed above are on a per-student basis.*

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION  
DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007  
REMITTANCE SUMMARY**

**Instructions:** Check payment options. Enter the appropriate fees in the Amount Due column for each item that applies.

<u>FEES</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>	<u>                    </u>
1. <b>Non-refundable Application Fee (per student)</b>	\$500.00	<u>                    </u>
2. <b>International Service Fee (per student)</b>	\$1,500.00	<u>                    </u>
This fee is paid when student and family are approved for admission to DC. An I-20 is then issued. Fee is refunded if student cannot attend. In subsequent years this fee is paid for continued special services to international students		
3. <b>Activity Fee (per student)</b>	\$120 - \$350	<u>                    </u>
Grade 6    \$120 <u>                    </u>	Grade 9    \$175 <u>                    </u>	
Grade 7    \$260 <u>                    </u>	Grade 10   \$180 <u>                    </u>	
Grade 8    \$210 <u>                    </u>	Grade 11   \$220 <u>                    </u>	
	Grade 12   \$350 <u>                    </u>	
4. <b>English as a Second Language (per student)</b> (If Applicable - Twice per week – 3 hr. per week)	\$2,100.00	<u>                    </u>
5. <b>Annual Tuition (per student)</b>	\$10,000.00	<u>                    </u>

Check payment option below:

- Full-Year Payment - tuition is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Semester Payment – Half of the full-year tuition is due July 1<sup>st</sup> and half due December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Wire Transfer Information**

Commerce Bank, Newtown Square, PA

Routing Number: **036001808**

Account Number: **340007368**

Date of Transfer:                                     

Amount of Transfer: \$                                     

<b>Total Fees Due</b>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total Paid</b>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<u>                    </u>

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The basis of faith shall be the Word of God as interpreted by the following:

- A. We believe that the Bible, made up of 66 books, verbally inspired, and free from error in doctrine, fact, and ethic, i.e., inerrant, is the Word of God and the only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice.
- B. We believe in one Triune God, eternally existent in three co-equal persons -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C. We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and physical return in power and glory.
- D. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that through sin, he brought upon himself and his posterity not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings by physical birth possess a sinful nature and are therefore actual sinners in thought, word, and deed; and that man, as such, is condemned to hell and utterly unable to remedy his lost condition by himself or by ecclesiastical rite.
- E. We believe that the salvation of lost and sinful man is a free gift of God's grace apart from works, based solely upon Christ's vicarious and atoning death, effected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and received by trusting in Christ's finished work on the cross.
- F. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- G. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost -- they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
- H. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## PARENTS' CODE

- 1. I will pray earnestly for Delaware County Christian School (DCCS). I understand that school policy requires that our family must attend a Bible-believing church. Weekly worship, active fellowship, and church membership are expected.
- 2. I will cooperate fully in the educational functions of DCCS, doing my best to make Christian education effective in the life of each of my children that he or she may love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ all of his or her life.
- 3. I will pay all of my financial obligations to DCCS on or before the date due. If I am ever unable to pay on time, I will notify the financial secretary in advance (a) giving a reasonable explanation for the delay, and (b) stating when the payment can be made.
- 4. I will support the policies and procedures of DCCS as they are stated in the Student/Parent Handbook.
- 5. I will support the school by gifts in addition to my tuition payments and fees, as the Lord enables. (As God has prospered us, may we be faithful to Him.)
- 6. I will fulfill my work obligations (cleaning, etc.) to the school cheerfully as to the Lord and will undertake volunteer duties for DCCS as opportunities arise and as God provides time and talent.
- 7. I will recommend DCCS to other Christian families as opportunities arise.
- 8. I will attend meetings and parent functions of the school and Society regularly, even though I may not be able to achieve perfect attendance.
- 9. If I become dissatisfied with the school in any respect, I will seek to resolve the matter with the person or persons involved rather than begin to spread criticism or hold a negative attitude in my heart.
- 10. I will seek to live an exemplary life consistent with the Word of God so that I can be a blessing to my children and other DC families. Public failure to do so could jeopardize my Society membership.

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### Recommitment to Statement of Faith, Parents' Code, and Church

- 1. *As a DCCS parent, I recognize it is my privilege and responsibility to strive diligently toward observance of the **Parents' Code**, as God enables me by the power of His Holy Spirit.*
- 2. *I am in agreement with the **Statement of Faith** of the Delaware County Christian School.*
- 3. *I am attending a **Bible-believing church** regularly.*

**Parents' Signatures:** Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

*Student:*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents:*

Marital Status     Married     Widowed     Separated     Divorced     Remarried     Single

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.     Dr.     Rev.     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs.     Miss     Dr.     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INSURANCE STATUS**

All international students are required to be covered by an insurance policy either from their family and home country or from DCCS. The school policy will range between \$55 and \$80 per month depending on the level of coverage selected. Indicate below the manner in which you will provide the insurance coverage for your child.

DCCS Insurance

Family Insurance    Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS**

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province / Territory \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S U.S. RESIDENCE**

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Student \_\_\_\_\_