

Non-English Speaking Students

Educational Expectations and Policies

Delaware County Christian School

Introduction and Purpose

It is the intention of Delaware County Christian School (**DC**) 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, **DC** welcomes applications from qualified international students.

Challenge

Non-English speaking students present a particular challenge to **DC** because English language proficiency is required for a student to earn legitimate credits in courses that require extensive reading and understanding skills. **DC** does not offer an ESL program that provides a total ESL experience for students who enter high school. Therefore students must have sufficient proficiency to understand material with the help of limited 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 offered at the school unless exempted due to sufficient English language skills. ***DC 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. If possible, 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. High school students 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 International Student Services fee with this form.
7. Upon receipt of this fee, the school will issue the I-20 for international students to take to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 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 for middle school students. 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 \$2300 will be assessed for the ESL service.

Policies (Middle School / High School)

1. Students enrolled in 9th grade must earn a minimum of 5 credits through, 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 11th graders must score a 195 on the Computer Based Test (CTB) or a 70 on the Internet Based Test (IBT) on the TOEFL in order to be admitted for initial enrollment or continued enrollment. Evidence of this level of attainment must be received prior to the issuance of an I-20 to a newly enrolling student.
4. The only condition under which a new international student will be admitted to the 12th grade is if the student has successfully completed the previous school year in an English language based school. The student must also have a TOEFL score of 215 on the CBT or an 80 on the IBT.
5. 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 **DC** 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.

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 \$75 and \$95 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 July 31st.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2010 / 2011 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)	\$13,200.00
English as a Second Language Program (ESL)	\$ 2,300.00

Activity Fee

Activity fees are assessed for field trips, retreats, special school programs, outdoor education, etc.

Middle School (6 th – 8 th Grade)	\$275.00
High School (9 th – 12 th Grade)	\$550.00

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

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION
DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011
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>
1. Non-refundable Application Fee (per student)	\$500.00 _____
2. International Service Fee (per student) 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	\$1,500.00 _____
3. Activity Fee (per student)	_____
Middle School (6 th – 8 th Grade) \$275.00 _____	
High School (9 th – 12 th Grade) \$550.00 _____	
4. English as a Second Language (per student) (If Applicable - Twice per week – 3 hr. per week)	\$2,300.00 _____
5. Annual Tuition (per student)	\$13,200.00 _____
Check payment option below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Year Payment - tuition is due July 1 st .	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semester Payment – \$10,000.00 is due July 1 st and the balance is due December 1 st .	
Total Fees Due	_____
Total Paid	_____
Balance Due	_____