



ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS REGULATION

1. Introduction

Arizona Cultural Academy is qualified to enroll non-immigrant international students into our academic program.

The program is designed to bring positive, diverse, and academically successful students to share in the cultural exchange and academic experience.

Students and staff can enhance their cultural, academic, and interpersonal education through this international exchange.

2. Goals

The goal of this program is to develop a deeper understanding and acceptance of diversity and enrich students' perspective and life experiences through an international education.

- To recruit and provide an academic program experience to a diverse group of international students who will reside with a local host family arranged by the parents.
- To provide opportunities for personal and cultural exchanges that enhances the student's global perspective.
- To provide our staff with the opportunity to teach and experience academically capable students from around the world.

3. Cost and Expenses

- Application Fee \$100.
- Annual tuition will be \$12,000 per student to be paid by the family; installment arrangements can be made.
- English language proficiency Test (TOEFL) is required by all students to be completed before their enrollment at ACA. The scores are used to evaluate prospective international exchange students' ability to understand spoken and written English.
- School lunch is optional. Students have the option to bring lunch from home or purchase lunch from school.
- Students will participate in school field trips and pay for the cost where applicable.
- Parents/Guardians must provide a financial statement to demonstrate their ability to support the program cost and any additional fees and expense.



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4. Visa Application & Student & Exchange Visitor Information Systems (SEVIS)

Students will be required to have an F-1 Student Visa, complete the registration process, and pay the required fees and tuition.

The school is able to issue the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) to non-immigrant students to obtain F-1 visa status while enrolled at the school. The school has a legal reporting responsibility regarding the student's address, course of study, enrollment and compliance with the terms of the student's status.

SEVIS is a web-based system that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uses to maintain information on F-1 students in the United States and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) for certified schools that enroll them.

The school shall review all applications submitted by the approved sponsoring agencies for the admission of foreign students and shall be responsible for the issuance of the Department of Homeland Security certificate of eligibility (I-20 Form) to F1 visa student applicants according to established policy and guidelines.

5. Enrollment Application

All applications must be received by the school *no later than July 1st* of the preceding school year in order to be considered for enrollment. Any exceptions must be made by the school administration.

6. Admissions and Criteria's

- **Language Testing:** Students must have completed a pre-arrival language proficiency test with the proficiency of at least a conversational level. A score of 70 is an average acceptable score or high school students.
- **Academic Grades:** Students must show the ability to meet the academic rigors of the school and maintain passing grades. The student must have a minimum of a B average to be considered.
- **Visa:** Students will be required to have an F-1 Student Visa.



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7. Documentation

Prior to final acceptance and enrollment of students, the school must receive ***no later than three weeks prior*** to the start of the school year the following:

- Submit your application(<http://aca-az.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=1807>)
- Payment of the full tuition
- Provide proof that housing has been secured
- Provide recent medical history and physical examination relating to students health status
- Provide proof of updated immunization (Failure to provide documentation will result in immediate termination of the I-20)
- Provide academic and behavior records.

8. Guidelines

- Students must agree to arrive on-time to attend the school orientation and review the Student/Parent Handbook.
- Students enrolled for the full academic year must complete all testing in order to receive a final GPA for the year.
- Students must agree to conform to established standards of acceptable behavior and conform to the rules and regulations of the school.
- The school reserves the right to deny admission to any student not meeting all the requirements outlined in this policy and regulation.
- Students will be granted a certificate upon completion of the approved course of study and will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises, as deemed appropriate.

9. Termination of Progress

A student's participation may be terminated at any time by the school administration if the student fails to abide by the established guidelines, including:

1. Failure of two or more course of study for two consecutive marking periods
2. Failure to confirm to established rules and regulations
3. Failure to confirm to the regulations established by SEVIS
4. Excessive absences



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10. English Language Proficiency Testing

Students must complete the English Language Proficiency test to be considered for this program.

For information on taking the TOEFL examination please visit the link below:

<https://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/what-is-toefl#toefl-test-basics>



About *TOEFL* Scores:

- You'll receive a score from 0 to 30 for each section and a total score of 0 to 120 for the entire test.
- Scores are valid for two years after your test date.
- You can try for a better score as many times as you'd like—there are unlimited retakes (You just can't take the test more than once in a 12-day period).
- Your scores will be ready in 10 days, and you can view them easily online.
- A paper score report will be mailed to you if you select that option when you register.