



TEMPLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

REGULATIONS RELATED TO ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. Temple Christian School (TCS) is authorized to issue the SEVIS I-20 form for students in grades K-12 (not PK). TCS will accept applications for 12th grade students. TCS will issue a diploma for an international student on a case by case basis.
2. TCS will consider international student applicants who will be living with family members or host families.
 - a. Students may live with either blood relative or host family. For high school students, please review TAPPS regulations below regarding eligibility requirements.
 - b. Each family is responsible for their own financial and housing arrangements.
3. Students must be able to show English proficiency through standardized testing. Testing is required to determine the student's English proficiency before being admitted into TCS.
 - a. Results of the SLEP, TOEFL, or ISEE test results may be submitted.
4. For the student to receive the SEVIS I-20 form:
 - a. Student must complete Online Application via www.tcseagles.org, including proof of English proficiency (Please review the Steps to Registration Page on our website).
 - b. Upon acceptance, student must complete Online Enrollment process:
 - i. Enrollment Fees are paid online in order to submit the forms
 - ii. \$500 enrollment fee for Kindergarten-5th grade students; \$500 for 6th-12th students (6th-12th grade students must purchase their books) Select Academics on our website, the select online secondary bookstore store
 - iii. Tuition will be \$9800.00 (Elementary) \$10,000.00 (6th-8th grade) \$10,700.00 (9th-12th grade); Tuition will be payable either in full prior to August 15th, or payable in two payments with half due on or before August 15th and the balance due on or before January 15th.
 - c. All international student forms must also be completed before the SEVIS I-20 form can be issued, including proof of funds to cover annual tuition and fees, as well as living expenses noted on living expenses form.
 - d. Tuition will be payable either in full prior to August 15th, or payable in two payments with half due on or before August 15th and the balance due on or before January 15th. For subsequent years, the tuition and fees must be paid in full before the SEVIS I-20 program date is extended (by May of each year) and new I-20 issued.

5. ALL FIRST-YEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS are automatically placed on a PROBATIONARY status during their first academic school year at TCS.
6. After this PROBATIONARY status, and BEFORE a student can re-enroll and/or progress to the next grade level, student will be assessed and/or tested by TCS to make sure student is progressing both academically and with English proficiency.
7. Should the student's English proficiency skills NOT be acceptable by May of the student's first school year, student will NOT be re-enrolled, even though passing grades may have been obtained on the report card.
8. TCS expects that the Parent will commit to student attending TCS a minimum of two academic years (four semesters) if enrollment contract is extended to student each year.
9. Parent/Guardian understands that outside tutoring must IMMEDIATELY be provided if requested by Temple Christian School and/or if student is struggling with the English language.
10. TCS IS NOT AN ESL SCHOOL. Assignments and curriculum will not be modified in any way, and teachers will NOT be expected to provide additional assistance to student due to lack of English proficiency.
11. Students from Christian ministries are encouraged to contact friends in the vicinity of TCS who may assist them in finding a host family.
12. A TCS principal must meet each student and parent/guardian/host family before student begins classes at TCS. TCS reserves the right for final grade-level placement should English proficiency of student be questioned.
13. TCS must be notified IMMEDIATELY should the host family change at any time. Additional forms will be required (see Forms).
14. Requirements of both TCS and Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) must be met in order for the SEVIS I-20 to be issued. Contact your regional immigration office for all particular requirements.
15. Host families are encouraged to provide international student his/her own bedroom.
16. TCS strongly encourages the use of English ONLY in the home to further assist student in learning the English language.
17. TCS expects the guardian/host family to fully communicate the student's progress with the parents of international student. The log-in information for ParentsWeb may be shared with parent in order for parent to access student's grades, etc.
18. TCS strongly encourages the parent/guardian/host family to help the international student participate in after-school events and activities.

BEFORE THE SEVIS I-20 FORM CAN BE ISSUED, THESE FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL:

- a. New Student Online Application form-TCS will accept an application for 12th grade on a case by case basis
- b. Immunization records-with complete dates and validated with doctor's signature or clinic stamp
- c. Passport-copy
- d. Guarantee of funds letter-from your financial institution and Documentation of Living Expenses Paid.
- e. Current photo of student
- f. TAPPS Application packet for Extra Curricular Activities(9th-12th grade students only)-See Forms
- g. Report (Grade) Cards-prior year and current year(all students), a complete transcript of credits (9th-12th grade students only)
- h. Teacher/Administrator Recommendation forms-6th-12th grade students from their current homeroom teacher-This form is in the new student application login
- i. Pastoral Student Recommendation letter (6th-12th secondary students only)
- j. TOEFL or other acceptable English proficiency test
- k. Secondary Questionnaire (6th-12th grade students only)-PDF at the bottom of the page
- l. Guardian/Host Family Information Form for International Students
- m. Program Rules and Conditions of Enrollment for International Students
- n. Host parent questionnaire (questionnaire to be completed by host parent(s) if student is not living with parents.)
- o. Student Information Form for SEVIS Form I-20
- p. General Power of Attorney / Letter of Guardianship (see disclaimer on form)
- q. Transfer Clearance Form (complete and give to current school ONLY if student is already attending school in U.S.)

SHOULD THE HOST FAMILY CHANGE AT ANYTIME, FORMS A- THROUGH G(that are applicable) MUST BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY BY THE NEW HOST FAMILY AND PARENTS. A new Health and Permission form and Background Check form must also be completed.

REGULATIONS RELATED TO TAPPS PARTICIPATION (GRADES 9-12)

1. Temple Christian School (TCS) is a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) and comes under their rules and regulations related to participation in athletic, academic and fine arts competitions.

CAREFULLY READ THE TAPPS BY-LAWS–SECTION 102–ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS.

Guidelines:

<https://tapps.biz/eligibility-of-foreign-students/>

<https://tapps.biz/students-not-living-with-parents/>

Forms:

<https://tapps.biz/eligibility-of-foreign-students/>

2. In order to immediately compete in varsity-level TAPPS events, international students in grades 9-12 must be sponsored through approved Counsel on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) agencies (www.csiet.org) OR be living with a family member (attached Affidavit from Blood Relative must be completed).
3. Students admitted to grades 9-12 must complete a **Foreign Student Application for Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities, Documentation of Living Expenses Paid, and Affidavit of Blood Relative** (if applicable).
4. TAPPS is very strict about “inducements” that cause a student to enroll in a private school in the State of Texas. NO inducements are permitted, including the following:
 - a. the school arranging for lodging or housing
 - b. the school offering financial incentives
 - c. the school offering promises of scholarships upon graduation
 - d. the school offering “gifts” of any type as incentives to attend
5. If an international student chooses to attend TCS, and is found ineligible to participate in TAPPS competitions, that student will not be permitted to participate in academic, fine arts and athletic competitions sponsored by TAPPS and may not play varsity level athletics during that year.
6. **SHOULD THE HOST FAMILY CHANGE, A NEW FOREIGN STUDENT APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY BY THE NEW HOST FAMILY AND PARENTS.**