

International Student Program at Jackson Christian School Jackson, Michigan USA

Our goal is to provide International Students with an opportunity to engage in every aspect of American culture in an academic environment that is safe, helpful and personal.

Jackson Christian School (JCS) has many years of experience with International Students from a variety of countries. Our understanding of the unique needs of International Students has led the school to develop a positive school atmosphere that allows students to grow in their understanding of both the language and culture in an affirming and family oriented environment. JCS American students are accustomed to interacting with students from many cultures which helps our International Students adjust more quickly.

Tuition is all inclusive, there are no additional fees charged by the school. All academic courses and many social opportunities are included in the cost of tuition.

International Exchange Organizations

JCS currently works with the following organizations that specialize in exchange opportunities for middle school and high school students:

- ✚ Quest International www.questexchange.org
- ✚ Forte International Exchange Association www.forteexchange.org
- ✚ The Miller Center for International Education LLC www.miller-center.com
- ✚ Inquires from other companies should be directed to Linda Tippin, International Student Director at: ltippin@jacksonchristianschool.org

Jackson Christian School has worked with students from these countries

(JCS is open to students from other countries as well.)

- ✚ Korea
- ✚ China
- ✚ Columbia
- ✚ Brazil
- ✚ Thailand
- ✚ Cambodia
- ✚ Papua New Guinea



International Student Director

Linda Tippin is the International Student Director. Mrs. Tippin may be contacted by email at ltippin@jacksonchristianschool.org or (517) 783-2658.

Academic Support for International Students

It is recommended that International Students are able to score a minimum of 43 on the Secondary Level English Proficiency Test (SLEP).

International Students meet with the school academic counselor to schedule their courses. International Students are enrolled in a typical course schedule according to their equivalent grade level in their home country.

English as a Second Language Course is offered during the normal school day and provides:

- Face to face conversational language instruction
- Academic Support
- Homework Assistance

Online Component of English Language Study

Jackson Christian provides International Students an online study program to further enhance their English proficiency. This course is included in tuition and can be taken during the normal school day or as an after school option.

Faculty Training

The faculty and staff of Jackson Christian School have completed training designed to assist them with offering the very best classroom experience for International Students. Teachers work with individual students as well as with the ESL teacher so that each student achieves at his/her greatest potential in the classroom.

Social / Cultural Support for International Students

The Jackson Christian School environment is family oriented. The school places significant value on providing an American family experience. We also realize that being part of a family can help students overcome homesickness. **Jackson Christian endeavors to place International Students in the homes of Jackson Christian School families whenever possible.**

The school offers the following social and cultural experience for each International Student. Participation is mandatory and is included in the cost of tuition so that each student has the opportunity to experience American culture and friendships to the fullest.

Student Ambassador Program

International students are paired with an American student in their grade. Student Ambassadors help students adjust on the first day of school and beyond. Student Ambassadors include International Students in social activities at school and after school. Student Ambassadors can assist with academics as well as cultural and language barriers. Friendships are often formed through the Student Ambassador Program.

International Student Club

The International Club includes American and all International Students enrolled in Jackson Christian School. Club members participate in monthly activities together so that students have the opportunity to develop friendships and learn about different cultures from their international peers.

Group activities include athletic events, concerts and other performances, museums, bowling, international meals, and more.

Athletic Passes

All International Students are provided with an Athletic Pass which allows them to attend all school-sponsored, on-campus sporting events free of charge.

Participation in Athletics

Jackson Christian School welcomes International Student participation in athletics as part of the complete Jackson Christian School experience. Some team participation requires making the team through try-outs. All sport team opportunities are listed under Athletics on this web site.

Tuition Policies

International Student Tuition - Grades 6 – 12

2010-2011 Academic School Year \$10,000.00

2010-2011 One Academic Semester \$5,000.00

Tuition payment is due on the first day of attendance at Jackson Christian School

- ✚ Tuition includes all academic courses including access to online English language study and enrollment in English Second Language course.
- ✚ Membership and activities in the International Student Club
- ✚ Participation in athletic teams and attendance at sporting events
- ✚ Optional participation in concert band (instrument proficiency required for 7-12 grade students)

Contact Information

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