



JACKSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

International Student Support

Academic Support

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. Additional academic support is detailed below.

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

- Individualized, level-appropriate instruction
- Face to face instruction
- Academic Support

Faculty Support

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.

iTEP SLATE Plus Testing

International students are administered the iTEP SLATE Plus test during orientation and again at the end of each academic year. This test provides a measurable way for students to grow in awareness of areas that need specific attention as well as areas of noted improvement.

Tutoring

Private tutoring may be arranged for international students on an as-needed basis. Additional fees may apply.

Social & Cultural Support

Jackson Christian School is a place where international students are welcomed and supported through the following:

JCS School Family Placement

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 work with exchange companies to place International Students in the homes of Jackson Christian School families whenever possible.

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 may include seasonal experiences, game nights, bowling, ice/roller skating, international meals, visits to Spring Arbor University, and more.

Student Ambassador Program

International students are paired with an American student in their grade during their first year at JCS. 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.

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. Eligibility may vary depending on when the student begins school and whether or not their agency is listed with CSIET, per MHSAA regulations. Some teams require try-outs in order to participate. For more information, please check out the Athletics portion of our website and/or email our Athletic Director, Mike Baisden, at mbaisden@jacksonchristianschool.org.

Sports Offered: 9

Participation Rate: 80%

Boys	Girls	Both
Baseball	Cheerleading	Basketball
Golf	Volleyball	Cross Country
Wrestling		Soccer
		Track