

# New Hope Christian School

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*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet"*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Admission Criteria

New Hope Christian School welcomes international students who will respect that we are a private religious school and will attend Bible classes and church to fully understand our Christian beliefs. We also are looking for students who are serious about academic excellence and want to further their education in the United States. New Hope School is:

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**Please direct your admission inquiries to International Program Director**

### Students must demonstrate:

- Academic ability and interest (minimum "C" average or better)
- Self discipline
- Ability to establish priorities and carry them through
- Emotional maturity needed to adjust to a new language and culture
- Willingness to abide by the School Code of Conduct and United States laws

### Standard Admission

Applications are accepted throughout the year. However, a minimum of three months should be allowed for document processing before an anticipated arrival date. Students should plan to arrive at least one week before the actual start of classes. Applicants for First Semester should plan to have all documents in our office by **June 1**. The deadline is last week of August for the First Semester.

Applicants for the Second Semester should have all documents in our office by **October 1**. The deadline is late January for the Second Semester. As a new semester approaches, every effort will be made to process applications as quickly as possible. Failure to submit all the required documents will delay the processing of the application.

### Host Families

New Hope Christian School is a family-oriented school, and each student is required to live with a family. International students who are not living with their families are placed with Christian host families, who are screened and approved by the school. The Program Director and Administrators make the final decision on where students are placed. Students and host families are matched as closely as possible in interest, temperaments and specific requests. However, often placement is based upon availability of families. Students are not always placed in the exact situation they desire.

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Some students live in a home with another international student. Students and families need to talk to the Program Director about any change in host family placement. Students do not get to make arrangements for a living situation on their own. Outside of New Hope Christian host families, students may only live with blood relatives. After the placement, the Program Director meets regularly with students and hosts to ensure the best possible experience for both. Students are encouraged to participate in as many family activities as possible and respect host parents as if they were the student's own parents.

Because we are a Christian school, our students, their families, and host families must acknowledge and be willing to work within the school's Statement of Faith. Students are expected to attend church with their host family.

## Credit Transfers

Qualifying courses presented on transcripts will be accepted for credit transfer. The number and types of transferable course credits, as well as English and Math proficiency, determined by entrance testing, will decide the final grade level and class placement of the student at admission.

## Tuition and Fees

For new students, the F-1 visa processing fee and a non-refundable Application Fee of \$500 must be paid before I-20 paperwork and acceptance letters are issued. The tuition deposit will not be refunded if the student chooses to change schools before starting at New Hope Christian School.

### Annual Tuition and Fees

<b>Application Fee</b> .....	<b>\$500</b>
<b>I-20 processing fee</b> .....	<b>Included</b>
<b>2018-2019 Tuition</b> .....	<b>\$22,500</b>

### Application Fee

The Application Fee covers the cost of application evaluation, document preparation, and courier express return of acceptance documents.

### Tuition

Tuition includes all regular course work. Tuition must be paid before the student is allowed to enter classes for that semester. Once the student has entered classes, the tuition for that semester has been committed to teachers and supplies, and is non-refundable. Tuition refunds will be made for semesters paid for but not yet begun. Tuition includes access to ESL services as needed. The iTEP SLATE test that was taken in the student's home country helps the program Director set an English placement level for the student. The student will only be allowed to leave ESL classes once the Program Director has given approval. Tuition also includes access to the International Director for academic and personal counseling as needed.

Tuition for the student includes: textbooks, all sport fees, sport uniforms, field trips, school band instrument (if available). Not included in IS tuition: required medical care insurance, private tutoring, TOEFL and SAT testing, school supplies, and physical examination for sports.

### **Textbook and Class/ Lab Fees**

Students lease their textbooks at the beginning of the year, and books must be returned. If a book is not returned, the student must pay for the cost of replacement. A few classes require a lab or material fee; which is included in tuition. Students are responsible for pencils, paper, notebooks, binders and backpacks.

### **Host Family Fees**

The Host Family Fee covers lodging, food (when prepared at home), and transportation to and from school and participating school events (games, dances and more). The student is responsible for their own costs for tutoring, cell phone, internet, medical care costs, private music lessons, entertainment, clothing, special foods, cosmetics and TOEFL and SAT testing.

### **Insurance**

Federal Law States; All international students are required to purchase student health care insurance for accident and illness while in the United States. NHCS partners with US health care insurance providers, to provide international students with health care coverage. All international students must use a US insurance provider.

### **Method of Payment**

Tuition fees can be wired to New Hope Christian School. However, all insurance fees must be paid in cash/ credit card upon the student's arrival to New Hope Christian School.

# International Students Programs & Activities

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

In the ESL Program (English as a Second Language) at NHCS, English proficiency is evaluated at admission, and students are placed in the appropriate level of English study. Subsequently, students will be able to finish the ESL program when they meet a level of proficiency determined by the International Program Director. Mathematical ability is also evaluated at admission and students are placed in the appropriate level Math program. All International students have the option to audit their classes in the first semester until they have developed sufficient proficiency in English. At the end of each semester, students will be evaluated to determine their continued eligibility for ESL.

## Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in at least one extra-curricular activity at New Hope Christian High School. These activities include a wide variety of sports, drama, music, as well as service opportunities. Each student can choose an activity from the list below if they so choose:

(Activities Continued...)

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports	Yearlong Activities
Cross Country Girls Volleyball Soccer	Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	Track & Field Soccer	Leadership Drama Yearbook Student Government Crew JCF FBLA

\*IS sports are available at other schools, if not provided by NHCS.

## Counseling

The International Program Director is available to help in any matters related to the host family, documents, or adjustment to life in America. Students are welcome to drop in the Program Director's office for visits. An informal progress report is given monthly. These reports are sent to the student's Agent.

## Interested in Hosting an International Student?

Students from other countries will experience American life and culture at New Hope Christian School.

A few of the students graduate in June, but most of them will return the following year. We will welcome them back if we have a home for each one. Your home might be the very best home for one of these students, and you are invited to ask the Lord if this is a ministry He is giving to

you. The questions and answers below may satisfy some of your curiosity about hosting. If you have more questions, please call International Program Director at (541) 476-4588.

**What are the international students like?**

The students are as diverse as the children in our homes. Most of the students currently applying to study here are from different parts of the world: China, South Korea, Thailand, Laos, Nepal, Vietnam, Germany, Italy, Australia and Mexico. They are intent on getting a western education. Some come as inquirers of Christianity; all come as God's creations. There is no one predominant personality common to the international students.

**What do I provide for an international student?**

You provide a room, a bed, closet/dresser space, a desk or quiet place to study, food, transportation to and from school and school events, along with the love and guidance you would provide for your own child.

**What about tuition, clothing, other expenses?**

Tuition is paid by the parents of the international student, and those arrangements are made directly between the school and the student's parents. Students usually have adequate spending money they bring here with them, and pay for their own clothing, special cosmetics, hair cuts, extracurricular activities, and entertainment costs.

**What about medical care?**

Each student is required to have medical insurance coverage when they register at NHCS. In case of a medical emergency, the student may be taken to the doctor of your choice or the nearest emergency or urgent care center. Any out-of-pocket medical costs are the student's responsibility.

**Must I provide special foods?**

The student is expected to eat what your family normally eats; however, it is fun to experiment with international foods and introduce each other to a new cuisine. If the student requires unusual foods, those would also be his or her responsibility to purchase. Of course, if your entire family dines out, it would naturally be expected that you would include the student.

**Is there a host family stipend?**

Host families receive a per month stipend to cover room and board costs. The stipend in 2018-19 will be \$600-700 per month. Depending on if the student is to share a room.

**How long will the student live with me?**

Most families commit to a full school year, but there have been circumstances that require an earlier change. Often there is potential for a host family to host the same student for several years since many of our students seek a high school diploma from New Hope Christian School. At the end of each school year, every host family and student can re-evaluate.

**Do I sign an agreement? Does the student sign an agreement?**

Yes, both the host and the student sign an agreement. See Host Family Agreement Form and Student Home Stay Agreement Form in the application packet to see what these include.

**What about transportation to and from school?**

Of course, the student may walk if the student lives in school housing, other wise driving a student would be required. Each family does their best to accommodate the extracurricular activities, as you would your own child. Students are not allowed to have a personal driver's license.

**What if I have to leave home overnight?**

If you must travel without the international student, the student may not stay in your home for the duration of your trip. You may ask another host family if the student can stay with them. If you are unable to find a temporary host, you may contact the International Program Director.

If you are taking a family trip out of state, we ask that you fill out the travel form two weeks in advance for authorization from New Hope and the student's agent.

**What if there are problems with the student's behavior?**

If you are unable to resolve a matter with a student, you are invited to communicate with the International Program Director, and together decide what course of action to take. If there are special academic needs, we ask that the host family work with the student and us to provide the best options for the student.

**How do I become a host family?**

Complete and return the Host Family Application to the International Program Director, at the address below:

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