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2021 - 2022 ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES



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CULTIVATING GLOBAL LEADERS THROUGH AN INQUIRY-BASED CURRICULUM

St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju is an international day school for Pre-K3 through Grade 5 and boarding / day for Grades 6 to 12 and is located on the island of Jeju in South Korea. SJA Jeju’s curriculum and teaching methodologies parallel those of our home school St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont in the U.S., but within the culture and society of the Republic of Korea. Our inquiry-based curriculum and student life programs provide an enriched course of study and a unique boarding experience to Korean and international students.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

Q1. What is the admissions process?

We have a highly individualized admissions process and our Admissions Committee carefully reads each individual application while paying attention to the applicant’s personal attributes, intellectual promise and academic development.

The applicant’s ‘Admissions Portfolio/Application’ is the collection of documents, tasks (testing, visiting and interviewing) and forms required of an applicant to be considered for admissions to SJA Jeju. The applicant’s Portfolio/Application must be completed and submitted before an admissions decision can be made. All students will be interviewed. On the day of the interview, students applying for Pre-K4 to Grade 5 will have a class visit and students applying for Grades 3 to 11 will take an assessment test.

Q2. How do I apply?

The first step is to fill out and submit your application online which may be viewed on our website at <http://www.sjajeju.kr/admissions/apply-now>. An admissions representative will send you updates as your documents arrive in the office and follow up on any missing documentation to complete your application. We will also be in contact to schedule any visits and upcoming information sessions at the school.

Q3. What are Info Sessions, Open Houses and School Tours and when do they take place?

Every year the admissions representatives travel to several cities in mainland Korea to host Information Sessions. These events are a convenient way to learn about St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju before visiting us in beautiful Jeju-do. The Admissions team's presentation covers our mission, curriculum, student life and much more. Our Principals and College Counselors will also attend the event to answer questions directly from parents in a Q & A session.

SJA Jeju offers Open Houses during the academic year on the school's campus. A presentation is given to all attendees and a campus tour is led by the admissions representatives. Parents and applicants can see firsthand what classrooms look like, they can meet teachers and students and they can get a sense of what goes on in our classes during the day.

Q4. What tests are required for admission?

No standardized tests are required for admissions. We will conduct our own testing and assessments. For students applying for grades 3 -11, MAP tests in English and Math will be administered to each student as wells as an individual interview. If the Admissions Office feels a more complete picture is needed or if a student is overseas, we reserve the right to ask students to take the ISEE(Independent School Entrance Exam) or SSAT(Secondary School Admission Test).

Q5. What is the MAP test?

This test is taken during the ‘campus visit’ (the day of interview). It is designed to measure what students know and inform us as to what students are ready to learn next. By dynamically adjusting to each student’s responses, MAP tests create a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures potential and ability.

Q6. What is SJA Jeju seeking in a prospective student?

We look for a broad range of students representing a variety of personalities, skill levels and passions, and we look for students who are curious, motivated, and eager to engage in all aspects of our program: academics, activities, the arts, and the community. We seek students who are willing to take risks and try new things and who respect our three tenets of Character, Inquiry, Community.

Required Documents to Complete Applications:

All Grades	Application, Recent Photo, Parent Questionnaire.
Grades 2–11	Transcript Release Form, Transcript or Grades for current year and Transcript for the last two years
Grades 2–6	Classroom Teacher Recommendation
Grades 7–11	Math Teacher, English Teacher and Personal Recommendations

Age & Birth Date Policy:

For Pre-K3	Child must be age 3 on or before August 1st
For Pre-K4	Child must be age 4 on or before August 1st
For Kinder	Child must be age 5 on or before August 1st
For Grade 1	Child must be age 6 on or before August 1st
For Grades 2 to 11	Students must have completed a full year in the preceding grade.

* We will not consider applicants for 12th grade due to the timeline requirements, SAT prep and Capstone exploration during our 11th grade.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHOOL:

Q1. How is the SJA Jeju academic school year like?

The SJA Jeju academic year follows the schedule of schools in the United States. After a summer break, our fall semester starts in August and runs until the mid-January of the following year. Our second semester starts in January after our winter break and continues until mid June.

Q2. Are there after school activities or clubs?

Elementary School.

Our after-school programs are offered for Kinder to Grade 5. SJA Jeju proudly offers a wide range of activities in sports, recreation, service, co-curricular and fine arts which are tailored to ensure both physical and mental development and the general well-being of our students. After School Activities are provided by SJA Jeju teachers and assistant teachers and are free of charge for parents. ASAs run for an average of 8-10 weeks in each session.

Middle and High School.

The ASA program encourages students to explore new subjects, to dive deeper into familiar hobbies and to use this after-school time to continue to learn and explore. All our ASAs are run by our faculty, and the goal of our ASA program is to allow for our teachers’ passions and interests to intersect with those of our students. Although the ASA offerings change from one school year to the next, we offer a broad range of ASAs, which include several clubs that are student-led and student-initiated.

Q3. Are there advantages to enrolling in the SJA Jeju boarding program?

Yes! There are many advantages to boarding. Most boarding students say that the thing they love most about the boarding program is the community atmosphere created within the school dynamic. The outlook of teachers at boarding schools regarding their position is more of a vocation, where they become an important role model in each of their students' lives. Additionally, boarding students live with many students from different backgrounds and experiences and therefore they learn to appreciate and respect the perspectives of others.

Boarding students often gain a level of independence they would not have living at home. It's ideal preparation for the challenges and responsibilities of college and adulthood. Boarding students learn how to live with other people and develop their interpersonal skills. It's a unique setting that promotes common experience, camaraderie, friendship, trust and honesty between students and adults. Students don't just get into college: they arrive at college prepared to succeed, with the ability to time-manage their college lives.

Q4. What is an advisory program?

The advisory program allows faculty to support students in their school life and to maintain lines of communication between parents or guardians and the school. In addition to offering advice and assistance with academic and non-academic issues, advisors also

help students set goals, monitor the student’s academic progress, and help interpret mid-term and end-of-term grade reports.

Every student in our Middle and High School has an advisor, and there are typically 10 students in each advisory group. HS advisory groups meet formally three times a week and informally on Monday and Fridays during assembly. Middle school students meet formally every day for 30 minutes.

Q5. What does the SJA Jeju College Counseling Program offer to students?

The SJA Jeju’s College Counselors assist our high school students and their families with the college application process and the arduous task of finding a ‘best fit’ college or university. Our College Counselors work individually with our students to expand their knowledge of universities and colleges most appropriate for each student’s academic abilities, interests and future career development. This personal connection with students and the understanding of each student’s the unique talents, aspirations, and strengths better serves our counselor to advise our college bound students in this important exploration. The College Counseling Program provides one on one meetings with students, group discussions about the college application process and parental workshops.

Q6. Is the SJA Jeju accredited?

We’re an official Candidate for Accreditation for NEASC (New England Association of School and Colleges) and expect to receive our final accreditation in May 2021. NEASC is the oldest accreditation agency in the United States, responsible for the accreditation of thousands of prestigious schools and universities, such as SJA Vermont and Harvard University.

Q7. What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement program of the College Board is offered to students who have demonstrated a superior understanding of the subject matter and have signified their desire to attempt to achieve college credit for courses taken while they are still in high school (sophomores, juniors, and seniors). Many major colleges and universities, at their discretion, accept advanced placement for credit, recognizing the successful completion of an AP exam.

Our High School will offer up to 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in 2021-22. Courses currently being offered are AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Physics1, AP Physics C, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art (2D Design), AP Studio Art (3D Design), AP Studio Art (Drawing).



2020 - 2021 Tuition & Fees:

Tuition	Grades 9 to 12	KRW 21,767,000 + USD \$8,112	
	Grades 6 to 8	KRW 20,895,000 + USD \$7,787	
	Grades Pre-K3 to Grade 5	KRW 20,025,000 + USD \$7,462	
	Grades 6 to 12 Boarding Fee	KRW 17,609,000	
Other Fees	Application Fee	KRW 250,000	One time, Non-refundable (All applicants)
	Registration Fee	KRW 3,000,000	One time, Non-refundable (New students only)
	International Student Fee	KRW 3,450,000	One time, Non-refundable (New students only)