



Shady Side Academy

Enrollment Rules and Guidelines for Boarding Students

This supplement to the Continuous Enrollment Contract is to help boarding families, particularly those who live outside the United States, plan for the 2021-2022 school year and complete all of the necessary enrollment steps. Please read this document carefully and abide by all of the deadlines set forth as you plan for your child's transition and travel this upcoming school year.

Required Medical and Athletic Forms

In mid to late May, families will receive an email with instructions on how to access required medical and athletic forms in their **Magnus Health** account, which can be accessed via the Veracross New Family Portal. Most forms can be completed online in Magnus Health by a parent. Some forms must be downloaded and printed, completed and signed by a physician, then scanned and uploaded into your Magnus Health account. Please note the physical exam form and immunization record must be completed, signed and dated by a physician **after June 1, 2021**. All forms are due **August 1, 2021**, and must be received prior to the student's arrival on campus. Students missing required forms will not be permitted to attend classes or participate in preseason athletic practices. *(For new students entering grades 10-12, additional athletic eligibility paperwork is required, which must be signed by the student's previous school head/principal. Families requiring these additional forms will be contacted by the SSA Athletic Department over the summer.)*

Requirements for Health Insurance

SSA requires all students to have health insurance. All newly admitted international students will be enrolled in an Academy-sponsored health insurance plan offering coverage in the United States. Please view our brochure for more information. The charge for the 2021-2022 school year (10 months) is \$1,880. Later this spring, you will be sent information from our insurance provider, Clifford Allen Associates, via the e-mail address provided during the admission process. **You will register and pay for your student's health insurance through their website.** No student is allowed to move into the dormitory and begin preseason athletics and/or classes until proof of insurance is provided.

Immunization Requirements in Pennsylvania

Proof of immunization must be presented when enrolling in school. Immunization information can be obtained from your family doctor or former school district, and should be uploaded to your Magnus Health account as noted above under "Required Medical and Athletic Forms."

Required Immunizations for Grades K-12

- 4 doses of Diphtheria and Tetanus (DTaP, DTP, TD, or DT) – **1 dose must have been administered after the student's 4th birthday**
- 1 dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) **on or after the student's 10th birthday**
- 3 doses of Polio (OPV or IPV)
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella **OR** MD documentation of disease
- 1 dose of Meningococcal (Menactra) for Grades 7-11
 - **2 doses of Meningococcal (Menactra) required for Grade 12.** If the first dose of the vaccine was given on or after the student's 16th birthday, this will count as the second dose, and will meet this requirement.

Medical or Religious Exemption

A medical exemption is granted if the physical condition of a child is such that immunizations would endanger his/her life or health. A religious exemption, which includes a strong moral or ethical conviction, is granted if a parent or guardian of a child adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations.

International Student Fee

For the 2021-2022 school year, the international student fee is \$3,750. This fee covers transportation to and from Pittsburgh International Airport for international students who are flying internationally during one or more of three major school breaks: Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and Spring Break. This fee also covers banking and processing fees and various administrative costs incurred by the Academy.

Arrival to/Departure From Campus

Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to pay close attention and adhere to the arrival and departure dates specified on the school calendar and in communications from the dean of student and residential life office. **The dates below are subject to change and are provided for preliminary planning purposes and will be finalized as soon as possible.**

Start of School

- Prefect Orientation: Saturday, August 28 - Sunday, August 29.
- Move-in Day for New Students: Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 2-4 p.m. with a new boarding parent meeting beginning at 4:15 p.m. This will be followed by dinner for all new boarding students, parents, prefects, and residential life faculty. In the evening, there will be a meeting for all new Senior School parents.
- New Student Orientation: Monday, August 30, 2021
- Move-In Day for Returning Boarding Students: Monday, August 30, 2021
- Opening Day (First Day of School): Tuesday, August 31, 2021

- Early Check-in for Fall Sports Season Athletes only: Sunday, August 15, 2021. The dorms will be open only for students who plan to participate in the following fall sports: Boys Football, Girls Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Cross Country and Girls Tennis. *The dormitories will be closed on weekends (August 21-22 and August 28-29) during pre-season sports practices. New students attending pre-season athletics and prefects ARE allowed to be in the dorm on the weekend of August 28-29. Athletes planning to attend pre-season MUST notify the Dean of Student & Residential Life Office by August 1, 2021. Off-campus weekend accommodations will be arranged by the coaches of each team with designated host families.*

School Breaks

Dormitories close for school breaks in November, December, and March as noted below.

Students are not permitted in the dormitories during these times and it is up to families to determine plans during these breaks. Seven day boarders may leave on the mornings following the beginning of each break. All other boarders must depart from campus by 6:00 pm the day that marks the start of the vacation. Students may return to the dorms after 5 p.m. on the return day, unless otherwise instructed by the Dean of Student & Residential Life or stipulated below.

- Thanksgiving Break: Begins at the end of the school day on Thursday, November 18, 2021. All 5-day boarders must depart by 6:00 pm. All 7-day boarders must depart by noon on Friday, November 19. All students may return after 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 28, 2021.
- Winter Recess: Begins at end of school day on Friday, December 17, 2021. Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, December 18, 2021 by 12:00 pm. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 1, 2022. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Classes begin on Monday, January 3, 2022.
- Spring Recess: Begins at end of school day on Friday, March 18, 2022. Boarders may stay in the dorms Friday evening and depart Saturday, March 19, 2022 by 12:00 pm. International students returning from overseas may return after 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Domestic boarders may return on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Classes begin on Monday, April 4, 2022.

End of School

All boarders will be required to stay through commencement. Boarders may depart after 1:00 pm on the day of commencement, Friday, June 3, 2022. All boarding students must depart by no later than 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 4, 2022.