



Admissions Checklist 2027-2028 ***(International Students – Kindergarten - 8th Grade)***

In addition to serving families from across Orange County, St. John's Episcopal School is proud to welcome a diverse global community through its International Student Program. Each year, international students make up approximately 5% of our student body, enriching our campus with their unique perspectives and cultural experiences. As a SEVP approved school, St. John's may issue an I-20 for eligible students. Students currently holding valid visas who do not require an I-20 must confirm with the school in advance to ensure their visa type is eligible for admission, as some visas are not accepted at St. John's.

Green Card holders should apply as domestic applicants and will follow the domestic admissions guidelines. **Please note that St. John's only accepts physical Green Cards; approval letters are not sufficient.** For any visa-related inquiries, please contact admissions@stjohns-es.org

The international application deadline is January 8, 2027. The completed application checklist deadline is January 29, 2027.

Our goal and strong preference is to meet all prospective students in person at some point during the admissions process. Parents are responsible for uploading documents, completing forms, and scheduling appointments directly through the application checklist portal as the Admissions Office does not handle uploads on behalf of families. Campus tours are available by appointment throughout the admissions season. If you're unable to visit in person, a [virtual tour](#) is available on the St. John's website.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE STUDENTS (additional specific grade level requirements below)

- ☐ **Recent Student Photo**
- ☐ **Recent Family Photo**
- ☐ **Copy of Passport and Visa** – Copy of passport and visa. Students needing an I-20 do not need to provide a copy of their visa.
- ☐ **Email Financial Documents to Admissions** – This pertains only to applicants who will need an I-20 and F-1 student visa to attend St. John's.
- ☐ **Current Teacher Recommendation(s)** – All teacher recommendations are completed through the application portal. One recommendation for Kindergarten–6th grade applicants. Two recommendations for 7th and 8th grade applicants (English and Math teacher) *(No written recommendation letters accepted)*
- ☐ **Student Report Cards** – Upload a copy of the previous school year and current school year report card. Report cards should include teacher comments.
- ☐ **Student Standardized Test Scores** – for 4th-8th grade applicants
- ☐ **Immunization Record** – translated in English
- ☐ **Birth Certificate** – translated in English

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- **Parent Interview (*virtual*)** – Parent(s) will have the opportunity to connect with a member of the admissions team via Teams. This is an opportunity for parents to share more about their child and family, become familiar with the school, and discuss any specific program information or questions they may have.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE LEVEL

KINDERGARTEN-4TH GRADE

- **Student Assessment, Shadow Day, and Interview** – We aim to meet with all prospective students in-person. Students unable to attend an in-person assessment and shadow day are at a disadvantage. The admissions office will coordinate this with you based on your situation to determine if you are eligible for a virtual assessment.
- **Language Proficiency** – Strong English proficiency will be assessed and is required for admission to St. John's. Admissions will coordinate a student interview to assess English proficiency for International Kindergarten through 4th Grade applicants.

5TH GRADE

- **Student Assessment, Shadow Day, and Interview** – We aim to meet with all prospective students in-person. Students unable to attend an in-person assessment and shadow day are at a disadvantage. The admissions office will coordinate this with you based on your situation to determine if you are eligible for a virtual assessment.
- **Language Proficiency Assessment** – Strong English proficiency will be assessed and is required for admission to St. John's. 5th Grade International applicants whose native language is not English will be required to take the **i-TEP Snapshot Jr. English Language Assessment** through the St. John's testing code. We do not accept external or previously taken language proficiency tests.

6th-8th GRADE

- **Shadow Day and Interview** – We aim to meet with all prospective students in-person. Students unable to attend an in-person assessment and shadow day are at a disadvantage. The admissions office will coordinate this with you based on your situation to determine if you are eligible for a virtual assessment.
- **Language Proficiency Assessment** – If English is not the native language, strong English proficiency will be assessed and is required for admission to St. John's.
 - International applicants from countries where the native language **is not** English will be required to take the **i-TEP English Proficiency Assessment** through the St. John's testing code. We do not accept external or previously taken language proficiency tests.
 - International applicants from countries where the native language **is** English will take the **Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)**.