THE KING'S ACADEMY

2026-2027 International Student Policy

On November 1, 1997, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service granted The King's Academy the right to issue I-20 Non-Immigrant Student Visas (F-1 visas). Students must be accepted into The King's Academy before the I-20 can be issued. **The King's Academy requires students to enroll for a minimum of one full school year.** The school year typically runs from the middle of August to the beginning of June.

I. PHILOSOPHY OF ADMISSION

A. Students representing a variety of countries would greatly enhance the learning environment of The King's Academy as our American students interact with, and gain the perspective of, a variety of cultures. In order to maximize the learning experience for all students, The King's Academy should proactively seek out students from the widest possible range of cultures and countries.

B. The King's Academy philosophy and practice is to develop English proficiency through immersion. Thus, unlike many other I-20 schools, The King's Academy does not provide an ESL (English as a Second Language) program. In order to maintain the highest quality of academic, social, and spiritual education for all TKA students, international students must know English well enough to handle their classes without special assistance.

C. The I-20 admissions requirement and mission statement supports the existing policy of seeking to minister to professing Christian students and their families, and to seek and admit students of parents who do not profess to be Christians. These students must have an open heart and the goal of acquiring a Western education infused with the Judeo-Christian faith. It must be understood by parents and students that The King's Academy goal is to prepare culturally diverse students to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

II. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

A. Applications for international students must be submitted no later than February 28, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. Applicants must submit a TOEFL or TOEFL Jr. English Language Proficiency test (School Code C045). The SSAT must also be taken prior to the student's acceptance at The King's Academy.

C. International students who wish to attend an American high school for only their 12th grade year will find it difficult to gain acceptance into American universities. This is because the application must be completed before school records are available from the high school in the United States. For this reason, it is recommended that students be placed in the 11th grade, even if they have completed an equivalent level in their own country. The California State University schools typically require a TOEFL score of 90 (IBT) or higher for admission; University of California schools typically require a TOEFL score of 100 (IBT).

III. U.S. RESIDENCY

A. The King's Academy does not provide housing for students. If the parents of a domestic student reside outside of the United States, **the student must have a local guardian family with whom to live. This family is also responsible for all school business and communication. Guardians must be at least 25 years of age.** At least one of the adults in this family must be granted legal guardian status over the student throughout the school year. The King's Academy discourages students from changing guardians/host families during the school year. Students who change guardians/host families may be asked to leave the school immediately.

B. International students applying for the 6th – 8th grades **must live with their parent or other biological family member.**

C. Some international students may sense the call of God to come to The King's Academy, are well-qualified to do so, have the financial means to attend, but lack a relative with whom to live. The King's Academy may choose to address such student's needs by advertising within The King's Academy families for suitable hosts to house students for one or more years. Students would be expected to compensate the families for food, housing, and some living expenses.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND STAFFING

A. The exact wording designated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for any advertisements concerning official U. S. government approval for attendance by nonimmigrant students must be limited to this statement: "This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students." Other advertising about the school and the nature of the academic, spiritual and social programs, as well as the specifics about our international students program, are permitted without any regulations.

B. The right to undertake an I-20 program is not without clearly stated U.S. INS requirements. Failure to keep INS requirements can lead to the revocation of The King's Academy I-20 status. The full set of regulations is to be kept with the Designated Officials on each campus. These individuals alone may actually issue the I-20 form to students.

C. The Designated Officials must report on a student's status at least annually to the INS. Student reports to the INS include:

1. A list of all I-20 students in attendance and their current address.
2. Whether a student is full-time or part-time.
3. Which students have left the school prematurely, prior to receiving a diploma.

D. Additional information on each I-20 student kept on file at the school and available for inspection from the INS includes:

1. Name
2. Date and place of birth
3. Country of citizenship
4. Address
5. Full-time or part-time status
6. Date of commencement of studies
7. Degree program
8. Termination date and reason, if known
9. Transcript of courses/credits taken
10. Copy of application and previous transcripts
11. Photocopy of I-20 documents

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ANNUAL FEES (2026-2027)

Annual Application Fee (Due with online application)	$150	
Enrollment Fee (Due with online enrollment packet)	$180	
Tuition Deposit (Deducted from annual tuition) (Due March 15, or 10 days from billing date)		$1,000
Emergency Withdrawal/Return Air Fare Deposit (Due on or before July 1)		$1,000
Annual Tuition		
Junior High – Grades 6-8	$38,838	
High School – Grades 9-12		$40,921
Total Tuition and Fees Grade 6-8	**$40,168**	
Total Tuition and Fees Grade 9-12	**$42,251**	

Note: At completion of schooling and return to country of origin, or upon acceptance to another I-20 school, the $1,000 Emergency Withdrawal money will be refunded.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. $150 non-refundable application fee

2. Completed online application form, including a picture of the student, due no later than February 28, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Pastor, Adult and Teacher References

4. TOEFL/TOEFL Jr. (Test of English Language as a Foreign Language) test scores.
a. This request may be waived for students applying from countries where English is the predominant language.
b. Each testing area will be reviewed for proficiency.

5. The King's Academy requires that all international students take the SSAT in addition to the TOEFL test.

6. Transcripts from the last two (2) years of school

7. Immunization Records

8. Passport or other birth record document

9. Financial Disclosure Form

10. Statement of Faith

11. Guardian Authorization Form

INTERVIEWS

An interview may be scheduled after all application paperwork has been received, admissions testing has been completed and graded, and the applicant's file has been thoroughly reviewed. Whenever possible, the prospective student is interviewed, either in person or via Zoom or other technology. The guardian family may also be interviewed.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Following the submission of all the application requirements and the interview, the Admissions Committee makes a decision regarding the applicant. Upon approval, an "Invitation to Attend" letter will be posted in the student's Admissions Portal. Applicants must contact the school within 10 days to accept the invitation. If contact is not made, it will be assumed that the applicant declines our invitation and that opening will be filled with someone from the waiting list.

ISSUING THE I-20

Upon acceptance to The King's Academy and after completion of the Enrollment Packet and receipt of the Tuition Deposit, the I-20 will be issued to the student. This document is the basis for receiving the F-1 visa status from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. I-20's will not be issued prior to three (3) months before the student's expected arrival date.

I-20's for students transferring from another U.S. school, must be released by the student's current school before a new I-20 can be issued from The King's Academy. Students accepted to The King's Academy will complete a SEVIS Release Form which should be given by the student to the current school.

The King's Academy will refund 50% of tuition and fees already paid for students who are accepted into the school and have paid the first tuition payment and Emergency Withdrawal Deposit, but who do not end up attending The King's Academy. A full refund, however, may be granted to students who are not able to complete their I-20 status due to events that are beyond their control or the control of their family.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy
The King's Academy admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs

F-1 Student Regulations

The USCIS requires that students hold an F-1 visa. A tourist visa does not allow a student to attend school in the U.S. If you have a tourist visa and are accepted to The King's Academy, you must request a change of status from the USCIS. Please forward a copy of the request to change status to Michele Duncan or Grace Marandino your Designated Student Officers.

The following regulations are those that you agree to when you sign the I-20 and enter the U.S. as an F-1 student at The King's Academy. Please read these regulations carefully. You are responsible for knowing them.

1. You should arrive in the U.S. on or before the date indicated on your I-20. The date will be on item #5 or on the travel endorsement. You will not be allowed to apply for a visa or enter the U.S. without a valid I-20
2. Students arriving in the U.S. with an I-20 from The King's Academy must attend The King's Academy. Transfers are generally only possible after attending the school for at least one year.
3. F-1 students must be enrolled to study full-time. Students must be registered for whatever grade level is appropriate (7-11) and attend classes in the grade level. Students who fail to follow these rules will lose their status.
4. F-1 students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 (C average). Students who go below this GPA may face expulsion.
5. Off campus employment is strictly forbidden.
6. Any change or problem with visa/status, change of address, telephone number, change of emergency numbers of sponsors (guardians), must be reported to the Admissions office as soon as they occur.
7. All I-20 students must live with a parent, guardian or sponsor age 25 or older.
8. All students and parents, guardians or sponsors, must comply with The King's Academy Parent/Student Handbook.
9. Provide proof of medical coverage or purchase emergency medical insurance.
10. The King's Academy discourages students from changing guardians/sponsors during the school year; students who change guardians/sponsors may be asked to leave.
11. If an international student is not adjusting well to their guardian/sponsor or to The King's Academy school, the student may be required to return to their country of origin.
12. Failure to comply with these regulations is cause for loss of status, and possible deportation.