



International Admissions



Dear Prospective FPD International Family,

Thank you for taking the time to apply to FPD! Here's what we will need from you:

First, schedule a Skype, Facetime or any other type of video interview with our Director of International Relations. (This interview should be scheduled before continuing to the rest of the steps).

Feel free to e-mail andy.edgren@fpdmacon.org to set up the interview.

After a successful interview, numbers 1-4 should be scanned or photographed and e-mailed to Courtney.anderson@fpdmacon.org

1. **Financial Declaration:** All international applicants are asked to submit a financial declaration from their bank, verifying that they have funds available. Typically for our boarding students, it is best if the amount in the account exceeds US\$43,000.
2. **\$750 Application Fee:** A non-refundable \$750 application fee must be paid before we can issue the I-20. Contact Charlie.parrish@fpdmacon.org to facilitate payment.
3. **Passport:** A copy of the student's passport must be scanned along with the application.
4. **Official Transcript:** We will need an official transcript of the last several years' grades, (from 7th grade and above, if possible) translated into English, along with approximate CLASS RANK (example: 25/100 means the student ranks 25th out of 100 students in his/her class).
5. Then, this entire booklet, all pages, must be completed for the application to be complete.

After the initial interview and items 1-5 are all complete, we can typically make an official acceptance offer within 72 hours, and an I-20 can be issued within two weeks.

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Gratefully,

Andy Edgren
Director of International Relations

Please return the completed application to:

Courtney.Anderson@fpdmacon.org



Application for International Student Admission

Student's Full Name: _____ English name (if any): _____
First Middle Surname

Student's Home Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Other family members who attend or have attended FPD: _____

Male Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
Female Month Day Year City Country

Country of Citizenship: _____ Application for Grade: _____ 1st/2nd Semester, 20____ Current Grade: _____

Passport #: _____ Ethnicity: _____ Current Church Name /Denomination, if any: _____

Please list any Extra-curricular Activities: _____

Applicant lives with: _____ Both Parents _____ Other: _____
Check any that apply: _____ Father has custody _____ Mother has custody _____ Parents are divorced
_____ Father is deceased _____ Mother is deceased _____ Parents are separated

Father's Full Name (Mr./Rev./Dr.): _____

Mother's Full Name (Mrs./Ms./Dr.): _____

Parents' Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Father's Profession: _____ Bus. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Profession: _____ Bus. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Brothers/Sisters (name, grade, school attending): _____

Who will be financially responsible for this student? Full Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Academic Information

Name of Previous School: _____ E-Mail: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

Has the applicant ever been referred for academic evaluation, either remedial or accelerated? ____ If yes, please explain separately.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Has the applicant had any ESL courses? Yes/No How long has the applicant studied English? _____

List any that apply: SLEP Score _____ TOEFL Score _____ TOEFL Jr. Score _____ SLATE Score _____

Medical Information

Does the applicant have a physical health problem of which the school should be aware? _____ If yes, please specify (include prescriptions or limitations of normal activities) _____

Is the applicant taking any medication on a regular basis such as insulin, Ritalin, etc.? Please list _____

Has the applicant ever consulted, or been referred to, a psychiatrist, psychologist, or psychiatric social worker for professional assistance? _____ If yes, please describe the circumstances. _____

Check any of the following used or experimented with (in the last 12 months). Give explanation.

_____ Narcotic drugs _____ Tobacco _____ Alcoholic beverages _____ Stimulants

From what source did you learn about FPD School? _____

Where do you expect to live when you come to FPD:

_____ American Homestay (may be with other foreign students)

_____ International House

_____ Other: _____

To the best of our knowledge the above information is correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy: FPD School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.



International Student Immunization Record

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ (Mo/Day/Yr)

Vaccine	Time	Date Given (Month/Day/Year)
DTaP Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus	First	_____
	Second	_____
	Third	_____
	First Booster	_____

Td	First	_____

Polio	First	_____
	Second	_____
	Third	_____
	First Booster	_____

MMR	First	_____
	Second	_____
Hepatitis B	First	_____
	Second	_____
	Third	_____

Varicella (chickenpox)	First	_____
	Second	_____
Meningococcal	First	_____

Other (specify)		_____

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____



International Student Medical Consent Form

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ Phone: _____
Last First

STUDENT'S ADDRESS: _____
Address City Country

SEX: Male Female BIRTHDATE: _____ BIRTHPLACE: _____
Month/Day/Year City Country

FATHER _____

MOTHER _____

Name

Name

Home Telephone

Home Telephone

Place of Employment

Place of Employment

Work Telephone

Work Telephone

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Health conditions the doctor should know (allergies, etc.):

MEDICAL CONSENT: The school staff may apply first aid treatment until the family doctor and/or dentist can be contacted. We give our consent for the staff to use their own judgment in securing medical aid and ambulance service in case the parents cannot be reached.

Permission is granted to the attending physician or dentist to proceed with any medical or minor surgical treatment, x-ray examinations, and immunizations for my son/daughter. In the event of serious illness or injury, the need for major surgery, I understand that every effort will be made by the attending physician, and/or medical personnel to contact me in the most expeditious way possible. If said physician is unable to communicate with me, the treatment necessary for the best interest of my son/daughter is given.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



International Student Travel Permit

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to:

- Travel in vehicles driven by adult members of host family.
- Travel in vehicles driven by FPD School Faculty and/or Staff members.
- Travel in vehicles driven by other FPD School parents.
- Travel in vehicles driven by other FPD School students.
- Travel via Uber/Taxi/Limousine

Please indicate any exceptions to the above list here:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Host Family and iHouse Living

Home Life: Resident students will live with a FPD host family either in private residences near the school, or in the iHouse. The host family assignment is for one academic year. Many students will live with a different host family each year. Some students may be the only international student in a host home, while others may have roommate(s). The student will become an integral part of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities considered customary for a child of his or her age in the host family household. This may include weekly chores like cooking, doing dishes, helping with laundry, and cleaning the home.

The student must obey the host family's rules and be willing to participate in family activities such as attending church and activities. Problems that arise in the host family are to be resolved first through discussion with the host family, then with the assistance of the international student coordinator. The student is **not** to discuss problems of a personal nature with members of the community. If the student is experiencing any sort of relational stress or difficulty, or experiences abuse or harassment of any kind, he or she will immediately disclose the incident to the international student coordinator or head of school.

Students must disclose to their host family any medication they bring from their home country to take on a regular or occasional basis. A personal cell phone must be provided to each international student by his or her parents, unless the boarding director waives this requirement. Internet may be accessed from the host family residence. The host family may limit Internet and cell phone usage to certain hours of the day if they feel it is interfering with academic progress or with face-to-face social connections. Students may bring their own computer. Computers may be limited to general living area of the house and kept out of the rooms.

Inappropriate use of the Internet by the student, including viewing pornography or visiting questionable websites, is not acceptable. Such activity may result in program termination. Each student will be provided a tablet for use with their coursework and studies. Students will be required to use the tablet for most assignments and school work. The tablets may be equipped with software that allows the host parents to monitor the computer use and Internet sites visited.

The student may not operate a motorized vehicle including the host family's vehicle or any friend's vehicle. The student is forbidden from participating in any dangerous sports or activities such as hang-gliding, bungee jumping, and skydiving. The family will accept full responsibility for any situation arising from the student's involvement in a forbidden activity.

Signature of Parent

Date

FPD International Resident Students:

- Will be placed at an appropriate grade level and may be slightly older than their peers.
- Will attend school regularly; will be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Must make a concerted effort to make satisfactory academic progress and must be involved in some co-curricular activities. If a student is achieving a C average or lower, the host family and boarding director may require study hours and limit co-curricular and weekend activities until the grade is improved.
- Will obey the disciplinary rules of FPD and will be respectful of school staff and faculty.
- Will make a concerted effort to improve his or her ability in the English language.
- Will make an effort to get involved in our community by attending and participating in school, church, and/or community events. The student should not spend all his or her time with other international students and should seek guidance from host parents and school personnel when choosing friends.
- Must obey the laws of the United States and the states where they live and visit. A student found guilty of violating the law will be returned home, at their family's own expense, as soon as the authorities release the student.
- Are not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs.
- Are not allowed to smoke and/or use or possess any tobacco products.
- Are not allowed to drink or possess any alcoholic beverages. United States law strictly forbids the consumption or possession of alcohol by anyone under age 21.
- Are not allowed to smoke or possess any tobacco products. United States law strictly forbids the possession or use of tobacco products by anyone under age 21.
- Will abstain from all sexual activity. Any romantic involvement or dating is discouraged. Rules for international students regarding dating may be stricter than rules for American students, as biological parents are not present to monitor such relationships.
- If international students attend the homecoming dance, winter dance and/or prom, they are encouraged to be in groups and not as a "couple date." Students must also get approval from their host parents or the boarding director to attend dances or group dates.
- May not take any action that may change the nature of his or her life (e.g., become engaged or married).
- Are not allowed to get any new tattoos or body piercings while participating in the boarding program.
- The student's acceptance into FPD School does not guarantee athletic eligibility. The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) make an eligibility ruling for each individual case. International students are usually NOT eligible for varsity sports their first academic year at FPD, but may participate in freshman/JV teams and participate in varsity practices.

Signature of Parent

Date

Parents of International Students:

- Parents must communicate directly with the boarding director for any and all official business regarding their student.
- While enrolled at FPD, international students (F-1 Visa) will live only with an appointed and approved FPD Homestay family. International students may live with biological parents who carry valid business visas or green cards, or local relatives. Any exception to this policy is at the discretion of the international student director and head of school.
- Parents are encouraged to be careful about visiting their son/daughter who are living with a homestay family. Families who interfere by spending too much time in the area will cause us to re-evaluate their student's continuation in the program and may result in asking the student to withdraw from FPD.
- The international student director must approve visits by the student's family or friends while in the program. Host families will not be expected to house the student's guests at any time.
- The student should have sufficient financial support to ensure his or her well-being during the entire program.
- Room and board is included in the tuition amount. FPD will provide school lunches; if the student wishes to purchase snacks at school, it would be paid for by the student. The student may wish to purchase items such as clothing, room decorations and music lessons. He or she may also wish to attend senior trips or social functions. These expenses would be paid for by the extra money students bring with them on the ATM/VISA card.
- The student is not permitted to borrow money from anyone.
- If a student needs unusual financial assistance for an activity not related to the academic requirements of FPD, the family would need to request permission for the activity and provide necessary funds and compensation for the activity. In the month of May of a given school year, the I-20 will be extended for another academic year provided: the student has done well academically, a host family is available for the student for the following year, and the student demonstrates proof of travel purchase to return home for the summer months of June, July and early August. Boarding students as well as their parents are expected to read and be familiar with the FPD International Student Parent Contract. By signing the enrollment documents, families are agreeing to the standards and rules detailed in the FPD High School Campus Handbook as well as the guidelines in this document.

Signature of Parent

Date

Miscellaneous

The student's parents give FPD School the right to use the student's photograph for reproduction in any medium for the purposes of publication, advertising, display, or editorial use. No personal information will be publicized. FPD School reserves the right to terminate a student's participation in the boarding program if his or her conduct is considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests of the boarding program. In this case, all fees paid will be nonrefundable and the student's I-20 will be cancelled.

Signature of Parent

Date

Important notes for international students and families:

(Students, please initial in the beside each statement to show us you read and understand it.)

School-related issues

 In order to return each year, students must maintain an average overall grade of 75% in their classes and must not have any major behavioral issues. If a student's grades fall below this level, or if he/she is repeatedly misbehaving, the international director and headmaster will need to review the student's situation, and may not allow the student to return the following year.

 American teachers like when you communicate with them and ask questions! If you don't understand a homework assignment, ask the teacher for help. If you don't understand material on a test, ask the teacher for help. Don't be shy!

 Remember that in America, DAILY GRADES and HOMEWORK are just as important as test scores! Even if you get a 100% on every test and the final exam, you still may fail the class if you don't pay attention to your daily grades. Stay organized, know what homework is due, and hand it in on time!

 Remember that *plagiarism* is a big deal in America! You cannot copy words from someone else, or from the internet, and use them as your own. If you are caught plagiarizing, you could get a zero or even be kicked out of school. Additionally, keep in mind that in America, when someone else uses YOUR material, copying your paper, or "borrowing" your answers from a test, quiz, or assignment, you are considered equally guilty and may receive a grade of "zero" on that test, quiz, or assignment.

Home-related issues

 When you live with a host family, you are their responsibility, just like their own child. But keep in mind that there are many cultural differences between our two countries. In America, parents are usually hesitant to let students travel on their own, and for you as an international student, even nearby, within the city, if the host parents do take you to the mall, an activity, or a friend's house, there is usually a "curfew," or a time they will need you to be back home by. Some may ask you to share your location with them on their phone, let you know where you are at all times, etc. This is for your own safety. This may be an adjustment if you are used to more freedom with your own parents or those who have watched you in the past.

 You may NEVER leave the host family's house without permission. This means that even if you go outside to take a walk, you should let them know! And if you plan to go out with friends, or have a relative pick you up and take you somewhere, you must get permission first from your host family.

 Also remember that drinking or even possessing alcohol of any kind is illegal in America for anyone under 21 years old. If you are caught drinking any alcohol, anywhere, even with your parents in America, you can be sent home. We know laws about this are different in other countries, but it is a very big deal in the United States. The same is true for possession or use of cigarettes or any other tobacco products, or drugs. Even having alcohol or cigarettes with you, in your bag, in a car, or with a friend who has them, even if you don't drink or use them, is considered a crime in America. This includes "e-cigarettes" or "vaping" materials.

 When you live with host parents in America, they are asked to check your rooms often. This means that you should not keep your room locked, and that when you are home or away, they are expected to check your room regularly to make sure that it is neat, that you don't have any dangerous or forbidden materials in the room, etc.

 If you order packages in the mail (from Amazon, etc.), host parents are requested to open the packages for you, to make sure that no dangerous or forbidden materials are being sent to their house.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Year: _____

I-20 Summary Form

Instructions: Please fill out this form in its entirety for us to process your I-20. Any mistakes on this form will delay the process of your I-20.

1. Last Name (Surname): _____
2. First (Given) Name(s): _____
3. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____
4. Gender: Male / Female
5. Foreign Mailing Address: (Address to which we mail the I-20)
 - a. Street Address: _____
 - b. Apartment # or Suite #: _____
 - c. City: _____
 - d. State (Province): _____
 - e. Country: _____
 - f. Zip (Postal) Code: _____
6. City of Birth: _____
7. Country of Birth: _____
8. Country of Citizenship: _____
9. Passport Number: _____
10. Address in your language to which we will mail the I-20:

11. Will we be mailing to a home address or business address? Home / Business (circle one)
12. Best phone number to call if mailman cannot find the address: _____