

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Students must attend fall and spring semesters (summer semester is optional) and are required to be enrolled full-time, i.e., minimum of 12 semester units. Only exceptions allowed under federal law will permit the student to be enrolled in less than full-time status.

College of the Sequoias admits International Students based on the following factors:

1. Only F-1 and M-1 student visa holders may enroll at the college;
2. The student completes the District online admission application;
3. The student completes the District International Student application packet, including a financial certificate indicating access to \$10,000 U.S. dollars;
4. The student must achieve a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 (173 on the computerized version); otherwise, only English as a Second Language courses may be taken until which time the student's ESL instructors verify the student has achieved English language competence;
5. The student must provide transcripts of previous secondary school, colleges and universities attended;
6. All International Students must obtain a health clearance through the COS Health Center upon arrival at campus (i.e., TB skin test or chest x-ray);
7. A \$100.00 International Student Application fee must be paid, with those funds being applied to the students enrollment fees when they attend (this money is forfeited if the student fails to attend the college; and,
8. An I-20 will be issued to the student once all application components are completed.

In the case of financial need, the District may waive the non-resident tuition of up to 10% of the International Student population [(EC 76140(a)(2)]. All International Students must provide proof of or purchase health and accident insurance to cover accident, hospitalization, repatriation and medical evacuation during their period of enrollment at the college. International Students attending another institution in the United States will only be considered for admission at the college if the other college recommends the admission of such a student into a terminal program. Deficient Unsatisfactory academic progress may interfere with a student's acceptance at the college.

International Students must comply with all regulations of the United States Department of Homeland Security and College of the Sequoias.

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