

# **International Student Program**

## **Willamette Valley Christian School**

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Dear Applicant,

We are happy that you are interested in Willamette Valley Christian School!

Willamette Valley Christian School is a small, friendly school located just north of the city of Salem (population 200,000), the capitol of Oregon. Our junior high and high school has an enrollment of just under 100 students. We greatly enjoy working with international students and look forward each year to the cultural diversity our international students bring.

We are an accredited school and offer a full range of academic classes plus music, drama, career education, computer science, music and sports. The majority of our graduates continue on to university.

Please read carefully through all of the information below. If Willamette Valley Christian School looks like the right school for you, please download an application from our web site at [willamettevalleychristianschool.org](http://willamettevalleychristianschool.org).

If you decide to come to Willamette Valley Christian School, we believe you will have a wonderful international experience...

**getting an excellent education,  
learning English,  
making friends,  
and experiencing America.**

We are confident that your life will be enriched in many ways.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our international student coordinator, Mrs. Mandi Chapen.

You may contact her by email at: [mchapen@willamettevalleychristianschool.org](mailto:mchapen@willamettevalleychristianschool.org) or by regular mail.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hamar  
Administrator/ISP Director,

2010-2011

### **Your English Proficiency**

After arrival, you will be given a WVCS English Ability test for the purpose of grade level placement. Depending on your test results, oral interview, SLEP or TOEFL scores, and school records, you will be placed in the grade level that is appropriate for you. There is a possibility that you will not be able to enter into the grade you wish. The final placement decision will be made solely by Willamette Valley Christian School.

**Along with your academic records, your English proficiency will be a major factor determining your grade level and the classes you will be able to take.**

All of your classes will be in English with other American students. You will study the same material as other American students. Therefore, it is necessary that your English proficiency to be fairly high. Some courses may be very difficult for you. You will need to make study your top priority.

### **Graduation Requirements**

You must earn a minimum of 25 credits (plus one credit of Bible each year) to graduate. Most students take 7 credits a year. If you do not have enough credits to graduate, you may have to extend for another school year.

**To graduate from high school,** students need to earn the following credits:

Math (upper level)	3.0	Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0	English	4.0
Physical Ed.	1.0	Health	1.0
Career Ed.	2	Personal finance	.5
Speech	.5	Computer	1.0
Electives	3.5	Foreign Language	2.0
Bible	1.0 for each year in attendance		

One semester class equals .5 credits. There are two semesters in a school year [September to June].

For students who wish to enter a university, 3-4 science credits, 3-4 math credits, as well as two years of foreign language study are recommended. You may test out in your own language.

We have an extensive sports program for the major sports.

## Willamette Valley Christian School (W.V.C.S.)

# Four Year Scheduling Plan

Following is a typical four year schedule. Your individual plan may be different.

There are 8 class periods each day (8 A.M. to 3 P.M.). Each class is approximately 45 to 55 minutes long.

Students may earn up to 7 credits in one school year.

Students may earn up to 28 credits in four years at W.V.C.S.  
25 credits (plus 1 Bible credit each year) are required to graduate.

With permission, students may earn extra credit by taking on-line courses.

### Grade 9: Freshman Year

English I (2 semesters)	Geography (1 semester)
Physical Science (2 semester)	Physical Education (2 semesters)
Math (Algebra I) (2 semester)	Bible (2 semesters)
ESL Class (2 semesters)	Computer (1 semester)
Career Development (1 semester)	Health (1 semester)

### Grade 10: Sophomore Year

English II (2 semesters)	Biology (2 semester)
Math (Geometry) (2 semesters)	Health I (1 semester)
Bible (2 semesters)	U.S. History (1 semester)
Career Development (1 semester)	ESL Class (2 semesters)
1 Elective	

### Grade 11: Junior Year

English III (2 semesters)	World History (2 semester)
Bible (2 semesters)	Math (Adv. Alg) (2 semester)
Career Education (2 semesters)	ESL Class (2 semester)
2 Electives	

### Grade 12: Senior Year

English IV (2 semesters) (British Literature, Senior Project) semester)	Government (1 semester)
Bible (2 semesters)	Math (Pre. Calc. or FST) (2
Health II (1 semester)	Speech (1 semester)
Contemporary Issues (1 semester)	Career Devlp./Business (1 semester)
1 Electives	ESL Classes (2 semesters)
	Advanced Computer (1 semester)

## I.S.P. Financial Information 2010–2011

<u>APPLICATION FEE:</u> Due with Application	\$	50.00
<u>REGISTRATION FEE:</u> Due August 1, non-refundable	\$	200.00
<u>COMPREHENSIVE FEE:</u> Due August 15	\$	350.00
<u>MISC. EXPENSE FEES DEPOSIT:</u> Due August 15	\$	1,000.00

Possible Miscellaneous Expense Fees:

Tutoring	\$	30.00 per hour
High school retreat (September)	\$	60.00
Athletic Sports Fee	\$	100.00 (per sport)
Special class fees (arts & crafts, home ec.)	\$	10.00-30.00 each
School bus transportation	\$	55.00 per month (round trip)
Senior graduation fee	\$	50.00

HOME STAY FEE: (10 months @ \$600/month) \$ 6,000.00

**Fees Total** \$ 7,600.00

TUITION: \$ 9,000.00

**ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES: 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR** **TOTAL** \$16,600.00

\*\*All fees and tuition are due August 15\*\*

***An advanced deposit of \$ 1,000.00 per student is required to be retained in the student's account for the above optional fees.*** A request for additional funds will be made if necessary or a refund will be given at the end of the school year for any unused funds.

**Refunds:** No refunds are available with the exception of the unused portion of the miscellaneous fees.

**Insurance: Medical insurance** should be obtained before coming to the U.S. Make sure the student is covered in the United States. **Dental insurance** is recommended.

**Personal Expenses:** You will need your own spending money for personal needs, clothes, entertainment, telephone calls, etc. We recommend \$50 to \$100 a month for personal expenses.

The above financial information is **subject to change**.  
If you have any questions, please contact WVCS by email,  
[mchapen@willamettevalleychristianschool.org](mailto:mchapen@willamettevalleychristianschool.org)

## Health and Accident Insurance

It is essential for international students to have adequate health and accident insurance. In the event of sickness or injury, failure to do so may result in excessive expenses.

The student's parents are responsible for all medical expenses.

Parents of ISP students can either purchase insurance at home or after arrival in the U.S. However, it is recommended that insurance be purchased **before** departure to make sure the student is covered entirely from the time of departure.

Parents are free to choose any insurance company they wish. A specific insurance company is not required. Please contact your own health insurance company and inquire about international health and accident insurance for your child.

U.S. students are usually covered by their own family's insurance plans. Some of our students purchase insurance from "The Mega Life and Health Insurance Company." \*

You may find more detailed information and an application form online:

**[www.k12studentinsurance.com](http://www.k12studentinsurance.com)**

(At the top of the page, click on "Plans & Pricing." Enter school district "Salem" and the state "Oregon" in the proper fields and click on "Search." "Willamette Valley Christian School" should appear. Click on "Next," then on "Willamette Valley Christian School." Click on "View Plan Materials." This will create a PDF download of the brochure which you may print out and which contains detailed information. You may either enroll online or print out the application.

There are different plans available..

The "Student Health Plan" which covers SICKNESS and ACCIDENT is recommended, though families are free to choose whichever plan they prefer.

To pay online, a credit card is required.

*\*The Mega Life and Health Insurance Company is an independent company and is not organizationally related to Willamette Valley Christian School. Please do your own research and decide best plan to provide insurance coverage for your child.*

NOTE: Some hospitals and Doctors in the U.S. do not recognize foreign insurance companies and may request payment directly from the patient. In this event, the patient would need to be reimbursed by the foreign insurance company. If your child has such insurance, please ask your insurance company about reimbursement procedures.



## Sports Information

If you are interested in participating in high school **extracurricular sports** (sports in which Willamette Valley Christian School competes against other high schools), please consider the following policies:

1. If you come to WVCS by means of an agency which is currently listed on the "CSIET Advisory List" (check with your agency), then you are initially qualified to participate in sports. If your agency is not on this list or if you are an independent, you are not qualified to play sports during the first year
2. If you qualify under #1 and you come as a sophomore, junior or senior, you are qualified for only the first year. You will lose the qualification if you transfer.
3. If you qualify under #1 and come as a freshman, you are qualified the entire 4. years if you do not transfer.
4. If you come through a non CSIET agency, you need to wait one year before you are eligible to play. If you transferred from another school in the U.S., you are not eligible.

These rulings are established by the OSAA (Oregon School Activities Association) the agency which regulates all school sports.

For further information, you may visit the OSAA website to see the list of schools on the CSIET advisory list: [www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org)

5. If you initially qualify for participation in sports (see above), you then may "try out" for a sport (football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, track, etc.).

"Try out" means that you have to be tested and must demonstrate the skills necessary to be selected to play on a team. If you initially qualify (see above), there is a possibility that you may not be chosen to be a member of a team.

6. If you are a member of a team, you will be required to maintain an average grade of a C or above in each school course. If you fall below a C average, you will not be allowed to play in games for a probationary period until your grades improve to a C or above.

Steps to W.V.C.S., Part II  
\*Obtaining a Student Visa

## The I-901 Fee Payment

1. If you have applied and have been accepted to Willamette Valley Christian School, the next step is to obtain a Student Visa (F-1).
2. When accepted, WVCS will send to you a **Form I-20**, "Certificate of Eligibility for nonimmigrant (F-1) Student." The Form I-20 is essential to obtaining a visa.
3. After receiving the I-20, you will need to make a **I-901 Fee payment** (\$100) directly to the U.S. government. You will need to go to a U.S. government web site and complete a "Form I-901." Visit the site below for instructions:

**[http:// www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com)**

4. Make an appointment with a U.S. Embassy or Consulate for a visa interview appointment. Ask what documents are required.
5. When you go for the interview, make sure you have all required documents including the receipt for the I-901 fee.
6. At the interview, you will need to meet certain criteria:
  - a. Sufficient English proficiency
  - b. Sufficient funds to cover expenses
  - c. Adequate proof you will pursue academic studies
  - d. Adequate proof that you will return to your home country upon completion of studies.
7. At the interview just relax and try not to be too nervous. Smile and be friendly!

We hope you are successful in obtaining a visa and are able to come to Willamette Valley Christian School!

\*The information above is for information purposes only and is **not** a guarantee of a successful visa interview.