



Benilde-St. Margaret's

A Catholic, college-preparatory school, grades 7-12

2501 Highway 100 South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

International Student Policy

Philosophy:

Benilde-St. Margaret's School (BSM) values the attendance of international students because they add a dimension to our school from a global perspective, provide cultural awareness for our community, and educational advancement opportunities for themselves.

We will provide services to international students to ensure their success, just as we do with domestic students. We believe strongly in success and support for our students, therefore we limit the number of international students that can attend BSM each year.

In order to make the process run smoothly for the students and BSM, it is required that international students shall work with an international student agency approved by BSM.

In order to properly advise students on course selection, the international student will disclose upon application, whether their intent is to graduate from Benilde-St. Margaret's, or whether they are attending for enrichment opportunities for credit but will not receive a BSM diploma. International students who intend to graduate from BSM must meet all of our school's graduation requirements.

Logistics/Specifications:

International Students intending to apply to Benilde-St. Margaret's will work with an agency that is approved by BSM. BSM prefers to work with Nacel Open Door. Host families must be secured for each student two weeks prior to the beginning of school and host families are not arranged by Benilde-St. Margaret's, but it is preferable that the student lives with a BSM family.

All international students will be required to have an in-person or Skype interview with two members of the Admissions Committee.

International students will not be eligible for tuition assistance, and must pay tuition and dedicated fees (paid in cash) by July 15.

Students receive an I-20 after we receive the student's enrollment contract and \$2,000 non-refundable deposit (to be applied toward tuition account balance) due no later than June 1. Applicants will be required to submit the non-refundable \$2,000 deposit with their Application for Admission if they apply after June 1.

Any additional fees incurred throughout the year (i.e. lunch account, activities/athletics, retreats, Phy Ed uniform, dances, etc.) will be the international student's responsibility; to be paid monthly.

International students are able to begin at Benilde-St. Margaret's in the Fall semester each year (we do not accept students for mid-semester or mid-academic year start dates). We also only accept new international students in grades 10 or 11 (as determined by Benilde-St. Margaret's upon review of application documents). This allows students to attend orientation and receive the full year experience. The students must be at BSM on a date determined annually by administration, usually the Thursday prior to the start of school, to complete paperwork and get ready for the beginning of the year. They will complete Orientation on the day prior to the start of school, with all new students.

An offer of admission will include a grade level placement determined by BSM. Placement is based on academic coursework, age and other application materials.

International students must follow all BSM policies and procedures. This includes attendance; students must be in school for the entire academic year.

Benilde-St. Margaret's does not offer ELL services.

BSM accepts TOEFL or TOEFL Junior test scores; we do not accept SLEP test results.

International applicants must apply by BSM's application deadline; applications are reviewed on a rolling basis after the deadline, on a space-available basis. Enrollment spaces for international students are on a first come, first served basis.