



Cascade Christian Schools – International Profile

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- PURPOSE:** *Transforming cultures through teaching and training people in their purpose before God.*
- MISSION:** *To glorify God by providing quality, Christ-centered education dedicated to developing discerning leaders who are spiritually, personally, and academically prepared to impact their world.*
- SCHOOL CODE:** College Board: 481-393 SEVIS: SEA214F00018000
- COMMUNITY DATA:** Located in the Puyallup Valley, 40 miles southeast of Seattle.
- SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Cascade Christian Schools was founded in 1992 as three church-related schools consolidated to form one private, independent, interdenominational school system. This system of Christian schools now serves over 1,200 students (infant through grade 12) on five campuses in Pierce County, Washington. These schools, located in Sumner, Puyallup, Fredrickson, and Tacoma, include three early childhood centers, three elementary schools, a junior high, and a high school. The International Program formally began in 2006 with 12 students in the High School. We currently serve 50+ international students between our five campuses. Our international students have come from Australia, Austria, China, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Viet Nam.
- CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:** The educational philosophy of Cascade Christian Schools is based on a God-centered view of the truth as presented in the Bible. The integrating center for the educational experiences of a student is found in the person of Jesus Christ and His written Word – the Bible. Recognizing the pressures upon a young person today, Cascade Christian Schools offer an environment that promotes and teaches spiritual principles of living and encourages normal human relations within the context of biblical imperatives. Cascade Christian’s curriculum arises from a philosophy that places God, not man, in the center of all things. Emanating from this philosophy is the challenge to students to use every talent vigorously, “as unto the Lord” (Romans 12:1-2). Students should be prepared to meet life’s intellectual and philosophical changes with well-reasoned faith.
- STUDENT VISA** Each Cascade Christian K-12 campus is a United States Immigration and Naturalization Service approved SEVIS school. An I-20 is issued to an international student after initial application and payment of processing fees. We have students with F-1, J-1, and Visitor Visas.
- CALENDAR and SCHEDULE:** School begins September 2, 2015 and ends June 15, 2016. The high school schedule goes from 7:45 to 2:45 and consists of seven 55-minute periods MTWTh and 45 minute periods with chapel on Friday. The elementary schedule goes from 8:30 to 3:00 M-F. Students may also participate in other curricular activities such as athletics, creative arts, leadership, and service.
- HOME-STAY** All international students are required to live with a parent or guardian while attending CCS. If needed, CCS provides American host families for all international students and has a thorough process of inducting our American host families on how to best provide for the international student. All host families have been prescreened, have had Washington State Patrol background checks, and attended a certification course for effectively hosting international students. Home-stay stipends are negotiated between the international parents and the home-stay parents/agents.
- CONCURRENT and AP COURSE OFFERINGS:** High School students may earn college credit through taking concurrent courses taught on the CCS campus by CCS instructors who are connected with the University of Washington, Northwest College, or Northwest Nazarene University. Those courses are Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, Senior Bible, Senior English, German, and Advanced Psychology. We also provide AP U.S. History; AP Calculus, AP German.
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER REQUIREMENTS** High School students who do not meet grade level TOEFL, SLEP, or iBT scores will be required to take a half-day intensive English class and will be allowed to take non-English-intensive electives the other half of the day. Students who do meet the grade level requirements will be provided ELL support through specific ELL English classes as well as international electives. K-8 students are integrated into the regular classroom and given ELL support as needed.

| Test | 9th Grade | 10th Grade | 11th Grade | 12th Grade |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| TOEFL | 475 | 500 | 525 | 575 |
| SLEP | 50 | 53 | 55 | 61 |
| iBT | 49 | 59 | 69 | 90 |
| TOEFL Jr. | 745 | 791 | 850 | |

All first year high school students are required to attend the Summer English Academy (SEA) and International Student Induction. SEA takes place from August 10th to August 21st and the international student induction takes place the week before school begins. Second semester students will be required to attend SEA the following summer. There will be an induction the week before second semester begins.

GRADUATION:

Cascade Christian offers three diploma tracks that align with Washington State graduation and university admission requirements. We have designed the International Diploma to meet the unique academic needs of our international students as well as provide flexibility to meet their future goals and aspirations.

International Diploma Track*

4.0 English
 2.0 Health/PE
 3.0 Math
 3.0 Science
 1.5 Leadership
 2.5 Bible
 3.0 Social Studies
 2.0 Creative Arts(1 may be satisfied in Middle School)
 2.0 IMPACT Term
 5.0 Electives**
28 credits total

****Electives include the following options:**

TOEFL/SAT Prep
 Intensive ELL
 Writing Lab
 Additional courses to meet the University Diploma:
 Pre-calculus/AP Calculus
 International Language (Spanish, German)
 1 AP/Concurrent Course

GRADING SCALE:

| <i>Letter Grade</i> | <i>Grade Point Average</i> | <i>Numerical Average</i> | <i>Letter Grade</i> | <i>Grade Point Average</i> | <i>Numerical Average</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A | 4.0 | 93-100% | C | 2.0 | 73-76% |
| A- | 3.66 | 90-92% | C- | 1.66 | 70-72% |
| B+ | 3.33 | 87-89% | D+ | 1.33 | 67-69% |
| B | 3.0 | 83-86% | D | 1.0 | 63-66% |
| B- | 2.66 | 80-82% | F | 0 | 62% |
| C+ | 2.33 | 77-79% | | | |

GPA COMPUTATION:

The student's GPA is calculated by dividing the total quality points earned by the total credits attempted. GPA is computed on all subjects, grades 9-12. Some credits from Junior High are approved for High School credit and computed in the student's overall GPA.

CLASS RANK:

Class rank is determined by the student's GPA and taken from all the student's grades from high school approved courses in grades 9-12. Individual class rank is reported to colleges on the student's transcript. The graduating class Valedictorian is the individual who has completed the University Diploma with the highest GPA in that class. The graduating class Salutatorian is the individual who has completed the University Diploma with the second highest GPA in that class.

SAT SUMMARY:

| | <u>Class of 2014</u> | <u>CCHS</u> | <u>CCS International</u> | <u>Washington State</u> | <u>National</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Mean Verbal | | 538 | 468 | 510 | 497 |
| Mean Math | | 522 | 706 | 518 | 513 |
| Mean Writing | | 517 | 510 | 491 | 487 |
| Mean Composite | | 1577 | 1683 | 1519 | 1497 |

COLLEGE CHOICES:

Cascade Christian graduates have attended colleges and universities over a wide geographical area. Colleges and universities that have accepted Cascade Christian High School graduates are: Arizona State University, Azusa Pacific University, Bellevue College, Belmont University, Benedictine College, Berkeley School of Music, Biola University, Black Hawk College, Boise State University, Boston College, Boston University, Briercrest College and Seminary, Brown University, Cal-Poly, Capernwray Harbour Bible School, Carroll College, Central Washington University, Clemson University, Colorado State University, Concordia University, Cornell University, Drexel University, Eastern Washington University, Ecola Bible School, George Fox University, Georgia Tech., Gonzaga University, Grand Canyon University, Harvard University, Indiana University, Jacksonville University, Johnson and Wales, Liberty University, Linfield College, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services, Mira Costa University, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, New Tribes Bible Institute, New York University, (Buffalo), Northwest College of Art and Design, Northwest Nazarene University, Ohio State, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oregon State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Pepperdine University, Pennsylvania State, Point Loma University, Purdue University, Rice University, San Diego State University, San Francisco Art Institute, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University, Southeastern University, Southern Oregon University, Stanford University, Swarthmore, Texas Christian University, Trinity Western University, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, University of Alaska – Fairbanks, University of Arizona, University of Chicago, University of Idaho, University of Montana, University of Missouri, University of Nevada – Las Vegas, University of Oregon, University of New York, University of Pennsylvania, University of Puget Sound, University of Washington, Utah State University, Washington State University, Westmont College, Western Washington University, West Point Academy, Wheaton College, Whitworth University, and Yale University.