



Information for International Students

No school in America has a history more rooted in bringing together students from around the world than Verde Valley School. International students comprise approximately forty percent of the student body, bringing global perspective to daily life. They enjoy being a part of the generations of young men and women who have brought their own cultures and heritage to the VVS campus. International students should be familiar with the following:

The annual International Student Program fee is \$1,200 for new students and \$1,000 for returning students. It is due with the enrollment deposit. The one semester fee is \$700.

Form I-901	\$200 (full year)	\$200 (semester)
Administrative Costs	\$300 (full year)	\$150 (semester)
Health & Accident Insurance	\$700 (full year)	\$350 (semester)

VVS is certified by SEVIS and the School will issue the student a Form I-20 and Form I-901 upon completion of enrollment. Enrollment is defined as submission of the signed Enrollment Contract and remittance of required payment. The prospective nonimmigrant student must then obtain a student visa from an embassy or consulate abroad or, if from a visa exempt country such as Canada or Bermuda, apply for admittance at a U.S. Port of Entry. VVS will send supplemental documents to assist with the consulate visit. Any questions should be directed to the Office of Admission at admission@vvsaz.org.

The School offers special opportunities and cultural activities for international students, including travel to unique places around Arizona (such as the Grand Canyon) and sponsoring international events (such as Oktoberfest, Cinco de Mayo, and Chinese New Year celebrations). Special services also include the expedited mailing of student related school correspondence, control of travel documents and assistance with travel arrangements. Annual administrative cost is \$300, semester \$150, and is part of the total International Student Program Fee on the contract.

Health and Accident Insurance

All students are required to have U.S.-based health and accident insurance when attending school. The school will purchase a policy for any international student who does not have such insurance coverage. The cost for a typical ten (10) month policy is \$700, (5) month policy \$350. AVI International offers one of the most comprehensive youth travel insurance programs available today with U.S. based claims procedures. No deductibles, co-payments or claims processing fees. The premium is charged against the International Student Fee. The school will enroll each international student unless proof of comparable U.S. based coverage is provided before the opening day of school. Claim forms are available through the Business Office and the School Nurse, as well as online at www.avi-international.net. All contact numbers are toll-free US numbers (for emergencies or doctor referrals, or 24-hour Emergency Center also in the US).

School Breaks

The campus is closed during the Thanksgiving (1 week), Winter (3 week), and Spring (1 week) Breaks. Students are encouraged to arrange visits with school friends or return home during school holidays. A special program is available for International students during Thanksgiving



and Spring Breaks. Students may stay on the VVS campus with faculty chaperones who will organize activities and supervise students. The extra cost is approximately \$800 - \$1,000.

Banking and Spending Money

It is required that students arrive on campus with a working credit or debit card and access to a bank account. For those arriving without these, an account for personal spending can be arranged through Chase bank after the student arrives on campus. The Business Office will not hand out money to the student from the Student Account for personal spending.

