

HERITAGE OAK *Private Education*

International Admissions Information

Welcome International Students!

Located for over 40 years in Orange County and almost 15 years in the city of Yorba Linda, Heritage Oak Private Education (HOPE), accredited by National Independent Private Schools Association, is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School.

At Heritage Oak, preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and elementary grades enjoy a calm, encouraging learning environment with a core curriculum that is one year ahead of the public school standards. Middle school students utilize their own personal laptop computers in class to enhance their studies and to prepare them for challenges in high school and college. All Heritage Oak students receive a well-rounded education that includes music, French, Spanish, art, physical education, computer skills and etiquette.

Program

Heritage Oak offers a well-rounded program that includes extras that are not offered at many other schools. The fine arts are emphasized with specialty teachers for art, instrumental and vocal music, French, Spanish computers, physical education, and etiquette. Physical education in middle school includes a certified trainer to facilitate gains in strength, stamina and flexibility. Middle school students also utilize their own laptop computer that is integrated into their day. Students in grades 4th – 8th participate in after school sports leagues and a wide range of after school extra-curricular programs. Many Heritage Oak graduates go on to study at the honors level at private or public high schools.

English Requirement for Admission

International students who apply to be admitted at HOPE must complete the SLEP exam as well as Heritage Oak's Placement Exam

SLEP: *Secondary Level English Proficiency* (SLEP) Test - The student must pass the SLEP Test with a scaled score of 50 or above. The test can be administered and scored by an overseas partner and results can be sent with the application to the school.

Students must also complete the Heritage Oak Placement test in their home country and again upon arrival at HOPE to rule out any discrepancies.

Admissions Procedures

The application process is virtually the same for international and United States students. However, international students are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure that visas and other documentation are completed and received in time.

Applications will be considered by the Admissions Committee when all of the following have been received. Applicants are notified promptly of the Committee's decision. Once the Student Application Forms, enrollment contract, and \$1,157.00 non-refundable deposit are received, the Director of Admissions can release the I-20 signed forms for the student to apply for the F-1 visa.

Step 1: Complete the Parent and Student Application Forms

A non-refundable application fee of \$1,157.00 (US Dollars) must accompany the application.

- **Student Application Form** - This form needs to be completed by the student with a complete profile and attached picture. Attach an extra page if more space is required.

Step 2: Request Recommendations

- **Teacher Recommendation Form** - Please have the English teacher complete the form and attach an assessment of English comprehension.

*These confidential forms should be sent directly to HOPE.

Step 3: Assemble and mail the admissions package

Send the completed application forms along with the following:

- a copy of the applicant's grades from the last two school years and current grades translated into the U.S. grading system
- a photograph of the applicant
- a copy of the current passport - including page(s) indicating name, date of birth, and other vital information
- \$1,157 non-refundable enrollment/registration/evaluation fee, remitted by money order or official bank check.

When complete, please mail the application package to the following address:

Admissions Office
Heritage Oak Private Education
16971 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

International Student Tuition Fees - 2010/2011

Tuition fees cover costs for academic instruction and participation in the basic school programs.

International Student Supplemental Fees cover the purchase of lap-top computers for first-year middle school students (which the school will buy back at the end of the year for \$800 if in acceptable condition) textbooks, field trips, a student yearbook, international student testing, International Student Orientation, and school uniforms.

These fees do not include private music lessons, tutoring, sports team fees, performing arts fees, or lunch.

Fees vary according to grade level. Fee payments are indicated on the attached tuition sheet and fees are due by option chosen.

Refunds & Withdrawals

Once the enrollment contract and deposit are received, student withdrawals must be made in writing, and must reach HOPE before June 1, 2010. If a parent or guardian withdraws after this date, the contract yearly tuition must be fulfilled, unless the student has been denied the F-1 visa for a legitimate reason. If the visa is denied then the applicant must present an official letter or document from the US Embassy or Consulate stating the reason(s).

Start of School: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

End of School: Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Living Accommodations

Please contact us with questions about available home stay opportunities.

Important Information

All students must possess a passport, valid for the duration of the academic year and six months afterwards, when entering the United States. All international students are required to have a student visa to enter the United States and attend HOPE. Please make an appointment with the US Embassy or Consulate in the country you reside in and present your passport and I-20 and complete the visa application form. **It will take 8-10 weeks to process the student visa, so please plan ahead. You will not be able to stay at HOPE or the United States on any other VISA except an F-1 student visa.**

Heritage Oak Private Education continually strives to update the accuracy of all our communications. In an effort to do so, however, information set forth in this document may change as our programs grow and develop and as our staff changes. Prior to relying on any information set forth in our materials in making your decision to enroll in Heritage Oak Private Education, please verify the accuracy of information with the Director of Admissions.

Who Can Help?

Please contact Mrs. Shawna Rhebergen in the Office of Admission.

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