# GLOBAL NETWORK



Preparing & Placing International Students in Excellent American Schools







# Making the dream a reality... STARTS TODAY!

**Success in life does not happen by chance.** While quality education is important, education alone is not enough. WA Global Network schools believe students need to face challenges and, as they are mentored by wise and caring teachers, to solve problems on their own. We believe students should have active ownership of and investment in their course selection and learning as well as opportunities to balance academics with clubs, athletics, fine arts, and service.

They should focus on building skills necessary to work with others and to produce high-quality outcomes. Also, students should learn the essential skill of asking for assistance and recommendations from teachers, a characteristic



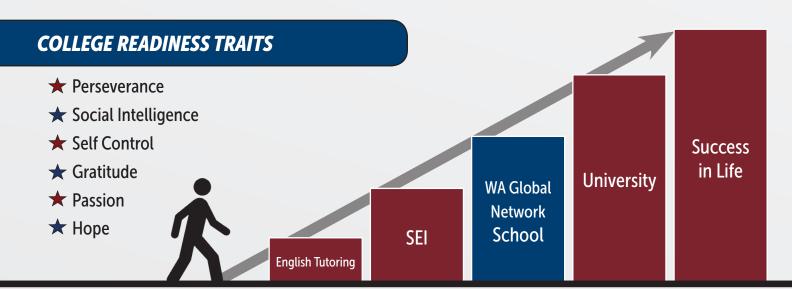
of individuals who are most successful in college and in their careers. By emphasizing this idea of struggle and its importance, we believe students can develop the self-discipline necessary to persevere through difficulties with the support and guidance of nurturing teachers.

**So, where do a parent and student find the path with the steps for success?** We understand you have many options. We understand that as parents you only get one chance to make educational choices to your child. So, this decision is not only critical but also life-shaping for your child and your whole family.

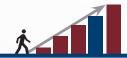
For this reason, we want to introduce you to one excellent path called WA Global Network. We invite you to critically evaluate our services and schools. Notice carefully not just our words but also our actions. Test us with those parents and students who have come before. We understand that we need to earn your trust.

WA Global Network Schools are deeply motivated to help every student individually reach his or her unique potential. Everything we do is connected to what is best, not for a group, but for your child. No two students are alike. We share that understanding with every parent in the world.

We believe that young people like your son or your daughter—who blend the strengths of their home country education and the foundation from their parents with the education attributes, and character from the WA Global Networkeducational path in America—will become the global leaders of tomorrow. We look forward to the journey together!



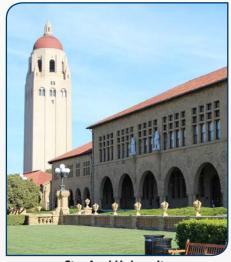
# **American Universities**





**UC-Berkeley** 

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U.S. Ranking	#22			
Mid-Range SAT	2100-2300			
Mid-Range ACT	30-35			
Acceptance Rate	17%			
Tuition, Fees & Board	\$60,996			



**Stanford University** 

U.S. Ranking	#7
Mid-Range SAT	2070-2350
Mid-Range ACT	30-35
Acceptance Rate	5.0%
Tuition, Fees & Board	\$67,117



**Harvard University** 

U.S. Ranking	#2
Mid-Range SAT	2120-2400
Mid-Range ACT	32-35
Acceptance Rate	6%
Tuition, Fees & Board	\$67,580

Ranking Source: U.S. News & World Report, National Universities Ranking, 2018

# What will it take?

# Students need more than a high SAT score, ACT score, or TOEFL score to get into an elite American college or university.

Each year elite colleges and universities in the U.S. receive thousands of applications from students with very high scores in all of these standardized tests. Only a limited number of students are accepted. How do these university admissions offices decide which students to accept?

While excellent standardized test scores are important, admissions offices are looking for dynamic, well-rounded students who can think critically, work collaboratively, and be innovative within their particular area of study. They are looking for students with a variety of activities and experiences, including participation in extra-curricular school activities, being on a team, leadership experiences, and excelling in areas beyond academics.

Does your student have an educational path to develop them into a well-rounded individual?

WA Global Network Schools are eager to help accomplish this in your student.

#### WHAT UNIVERSITIES ARE LOOKING FOR

- **GPA (Grade Point Average)** *Typically on a 4.0 scale*
- College Entrance Exams

  SAT, ACT, and TOEFL
- Application with Essays

  Authentic and meaningful writing
- Activities & Experiences

  Life outside of studying



# **About WA Global Network**

WA Global Network is not like your typical education company. We're different.



#### Who We Are

WA Global Network is the office of international student programs and initiatives for Wheaton Academy.

Wheaton Academy, founded in 1853 and located in West Chicago, Illinois, is one of the oldest and most respected private high schools in America.

WA Global Network is a non-profit organization.



#### **Our Mission**

WA Global Network exists to

- EQUIP schools in America to care for international students,
- PREPARE international students for success, and
- PLACE students in top American schools.



#### **Our Passion**

WA Global Network serves and cares for international students and parents with fairness, honesty, and integrity.

Our desire is for students to make strong moral choices through their school communities and host families; to train individuals to be leaders in their home countries; and to equip, connect, and inspire other schools to implement best practices in international student care.

#### Over the Past 8 Years ·







International students have attended our programs and schools



**15**+

countries represented by our students



100+

U.S. schools trained to better care for international students







### 1 Application, 9 Schools ...

- Every student in unique. We want to help each student find the school where he or she will be successful.
- With just one application and one application fee, a student can apply to 9 schools at once.
- No service fees. WA Global Network does not charge families any service fees. There is just one \$375 application fee.



## **Characteristics of Our Schools**



#### **★ High Academic Standards**

Comprehensive curriculum / AP Classes / Strong ACT and SAT scores

#### **★ Institutional Reputation**

Respected by universities

#### **★** Safe Environment

Positive, caring environment & safe, secure campus

#### **★ English Support**

ELL Support / Specialized classes for international students

#### **★ Individual Attention**

1-on-1 assistance / Academic tutoring / Help with cultural adjustment

#### **\*** Extensive Opportunities

Academics / Fine Arts / Clubs / Athletics

#### **★ SAT, ACT, and TOEFL Preparation**

Access to specialized test preparation

#### **★** Specialized University Guidance

Guidance from experienced college counselors / University visits

#### **★** University Placement

History of graduates attending outstanding American universities

#### \* Communication

Updates sent to parents regarding student progress



### **Universities Attended**

Students who have graduated from WA Global Network schools attend a wide range of excellent colleges and universities, including, for some of the highest-achieving students, these top-ranked national universities which often only have acceptance rates of 5-20%.



**Princeton University** 



**Duke University** 



**Cornell University** 



**Harvard University** 



University of Pennsylvania



**University of Notre Dame** 



Yale University



California Institute of Technology



University of California-Berkeley



**Columbia University** 



**Northwestern University** 



**Georgetown University** 



#### **About Wheaton Academy**

Wheaton Academy was founded in 1853 and continues as one of the oldest and most respected private Christian high schools in America. Wheaton Academy is characterized by high academic standards, a mature student culture, opportunities for leadership, a beautiful 50-acre college-style campus, consistently positive parent and student feedback, and state of the art facilities.

#### **Flagship Homestay Boarding Program**

Having been a boarding school for much of its 165-year history, Wheaton Academy was among the earliest schools to develop an international homestay program. We are committed to continuous learning and program improvement and are recognized by other private schools as a leader in homestay boarding. We are the founding member of the WA Global Network and host an annual conference attended by over 100 schools that equips and trains school staff to properly care for international student needs.



#### International Students Celebrated at WA

We believe that our international students enable us to provide a better education for all Wheaton Academy students. The international students' impact on the American students—by influencing friendships and shaping worldviews—is evident on campus. Teachers, students, and host families desire to learn about the home cultures of our international students in order to value the students' stories and their cultures as they also help the international students acquire skills in American culture. The results are rich dialogue on campus and a growing understanding of different cultures.

#### ····· QUICK FACTS -····

- · Rich History the school is 165 years old
- International program is 12 years old
- 54 international students from 9 different countries attend WA
- Class of 2018 international seniors took 73 AP classes; 90% of these seniors scored 3 or higher

#### **Homestay Program Oversight**

One of the unique features of Wheaton Academy boarding is the HomeStay program. Instead of an impersonal dorm setting, we believe international students living with American families provides a better learning environment and more focused social and emotional support. Host families are chosen after background checks, reference checks, and personal interviews. Orientation and ongoing support are provided to host families as well. Wheaton Academy recruits, trains, and supervises their host family team.

A team of seven WA staff members meets weekly to collaborate and coordinate program leadership. This team is a unique feature of WA's homestay boarding program and offers parents peace of mind as they mentor their students through new cultural experiences both in school and in the host home.









#### **Curriculum and Academic Success**

Student academic success is a non-negotiable for our staff and teachers. International students attend class from 8AM to 5PM. The last two hours of the school day are teacher-supervised study hours. Host families then supervise homework completion in the evening hours after dinner. Host families have rules about bedtime and technology usage and ensure students have nutritious meals and supportive mentoring. Our teachers are experts in their fields, love students, and love to teach. International parents who visit campus notice immediately the high level of care and concern for students of our teachers and staff.

Wheaton Academy offers a traditional college preparatory curriculum, an innovative January term, and comprehensive co-curricular programs. One hundred percent of international students at WA participate in service, Fine Arts, or athletic opportunities and club activities. International students return home each December for the Christmas holiday break and also complete a 60-hour unpaid internship in their home country in their intended career field or area of interest.



#### **Highly Selective University Counseling Service**

Our University Counseling Service models our mission statement to nurture growth in our students through relationships, excellence, and service. WA teachers and our University Admissions Counselor know your student well, and based on this relationship, we advise, coach, and provide your student several good options for university attendance. We offer comprehensive services to families at a fraction of the price often charged by agents. We have a proven track record of highly selective university admissions. Our international graduates are attending universities such as NYU, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, Purdue and UC-San Diego.

#### **Online Tutoring Service**

Students accepted to a WA Global Network School or Summer English Institute (SEI) are able to purchase an online tutoring service. This service provides an online English teacher who regularly meets with students individually to assign homework, instruct students in needed English skills, and mentor students in academic behaviors necessary for success in American schools. Reading comprehension strategies, vocabulary development, writing skills, and conversation coaching is included in this service.





#### Safety

Wheaton Academy is uniquely located in the beautiful western suburbs of Chicago while conveniently accessible to a wide range of metropolitan cultural experiences. Safety on campus is our Number 1 priority. We interview all students before admission is granted to determine if they will positively contribute to the student culture and school community. Our doors are locked during class time, and students have an access card to buildings. The entire campus is monitored with a new state-of-the-art security camera system. We are grateful that we have never had a student security emergency on campus.

#### **International Student Applicants**

Wheaton Academy looks for students who are:

- Representative of a variety of countries
- · Academically motivated and successful
- · Emotionally and socially mature
- Willing to become involved in clubs and activities

#### **Statistics**

Tuition & Fees	\$49,900	Founded	1853
Accepting Grades	9-10	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	660	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	54 (8%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
AP Classes	20	Spots Available	20
Average ACT	26.2	Average SAT	n/a



# First Presbyterian Day School



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	Tuition & Fees	\$47,000	Founded	1970
ĺ	Accepting Grades	7-11	ELL Support	Yes
	High School Enrollment	361	Tutoring	Yes
	International Students	12 (3%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
	AP Classes	10	Spots Available	15
	Average ACT	23	Average SAT	1670

First Presbyterian Day School is located in the friendly southern part of the United States, an hour and a half south of Atlanta, Georgia. The school has strong English and academic support for international students, an impressive 18 AP course offerings, extensive college counseling, and a wide selection of co-curricular opportunities including a robotics club, entrepreneur club, foreign language clubs, and fine arts offerings of every kind. They have been named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education and have a very dedicated, caring faculty and staff. Many boys who attend First Presbyterian live in a large, spacious international house with 8-10 other boys and host parents, while girls all live with traditional host families.











### **Linfield Christian School**

West - Temecula, California

\$48,000	Founded	1936
6-11	ELL Support	Yes
345	Tutoring	Yes
69 (20%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
13	Spots Available	26
n/a	Average SAT	1158
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Linfield Christian School is located on a beautiful 105-acre campus between San Diego and Los Angeles in sunny southern California. The weather is very pleasant year round, with consistent sunshine and comfortable temperatures not too hot and not too cold. The school offers rigorous academics, athletics, fine arts opportunities, as well as special programs in the STEM and biomedical fields. Linfield accepts international students in grades 6-9 and offers 15 AP classes. Graduates of Linfield have gotten into some of the top universities in the United States such as Penn State, UC-Berkeley, Boston College, New York University, and Ohio State University.









# **Holland Christian High School**

Midwest • Holland, Michigan

	Tuition & Fees	\$34,423	Founded	1901
	Accepting Grades	9-11	ELL Support	Yes
	High School Enrollment	608	Tutoring	Yes
۱	International Students	19 (3%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
	AP Classes	12	Spots Available	22
	Average ACT	24	Average SAT	n/a

Holland Christian High School was founded in 1901 and has a reputation for educational excellence, innovation, and creativity both in and outside of the classroom. The school is located very close to white sandy beaches on beautiful Lake Michigan, and the town is known to be a relaxed, safe, resort-type of town. Students take full advantage of some of the best educational facilities of all WA Global Network schools at Holland Christian. Holland Christian offers a comprehensive universitypreparatory curriculum in all disciplines, AP classes as well as innovative practical learning toward a specific career path. Students routinely score higher than state averages on tests and there have been 20 National Merit Finalists since 2002.









# Mount Pisgah Christian School



Tuition & Fees	\$50,210	Founded	1986
Accepting Grades	6-11	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	289	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	26 (9%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
AP Classes	16	Spots Available	27
Average ACT	27	Average SAT	1205

South - Johns Creek, Georgia

Mount Pisgah Christian School is located just outside of Atlanta in the affluent, safe community of Johns Creek. Mount Pisgah provides an excellent college-preparatory education, as exemplified in their school motto: College Ready, Life Ready. A positive teacher-student relationship is at the core of education at Mount Pisgah, and students benefit from small sized classes and extensive academic opportunities, including 15 AP class offerings. Graduates have attended highly ranked universities such as Princeton, Cornell, Boston College, and UC-Berkeley. Tuition at Mount Pisgah includes free gourmet, healthy, locally sourced lunches.











### Norfolk Christian School

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East - Norfolk, Virginia

Tuition & Fees	\$41,750	Founded	1952
Accepting Grades	8-11	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	261	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	21 (8%)	Accept Mid-Year	No
AP Classes	11	Spots Available	15
Average ACT	n/a	Average SAT	1172



Norfolk Christian School is located on the historic east coast of the United States and offers students a rigorous, challenging college-preparatory curriculum, including 11 AP courses offered on-site. The strong relationship between the faculty and students at Norfolk Christian School accelerates learning and more fully develops the individual student. The school has a very strong record of high AP scores in the areas of math and science, and boasts a Cornell University graduate as a member of their science department. The school integrates technology into learning by distributing devices to each student for use in and out of the classroom and offers many outlets for students to develop their interests and passions through athletic, academic, and fine arts cocurricular offerings.











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Tuition & Fees	\$47,500	Founded	1980
Accepting Grades	8-11	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	252	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	14 (5%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
AP Classes	14	Spots Available	13
Average ACT	24	Average SAT	1200

Orangewood Christian School is located in the year round warmth of the Orlando area near famous attractions such as Disney World, Universal Studios, and Seaworld. Oragnewood has strong college-preparatory academics, an accomplished arts program, 1-to-1 technology program, extensive co-curricular options (including swim and golf teams). The school has extensive experience with international students, including providing ELL and tutoring support, and local and international graduates have a history of attending excellent universities. Students are known and cared for individually very well at Orangewood and become a part of a tight-knit school community.









# Oakland Christian School

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Midwest - Auburn Hills, Michigan

Tuition & Fees	\$35,450	Founded	1968
Accepting Grades	9-11	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	200	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	26 (13%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
AP Classes	14	Spots Available	20
Average ACT	24.7	Average SAT	n/a

International students at Oakland Christian School benefit from strong academics, valuable English and cultural support, AP courses, and an experienced, well-educated teaching faculty. OCS is located in the beautiful state of Michigan just outside the city of Detroit and near the great fresh-water lakes. The classrooms and indoor spaces at Oakland Christian are distinctly themed, providing creative and inspiring spaces for students to learn. Graduates have attended schools such as the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of California-San Diego, and Texas A&M.









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# Valley Christian School

West - Dublin, California

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Tuition & Fees	\$50,000	Founded	1972
Accepting Grades	6-11	ELL Support	Yes
High School Enrollment	106	Tutoring	Yes
International Students	34 (32%)	Accept Mid-Year	Yes
AP Classes	10	Spots Available	15
Average ACT	n/a	Average SAT	1388

Valley Christian School is located in the San Francisco Bay area in California and has a high-level college-preparatory curriculum to prepare students for America's top universities. VCS is forward-thinking and provides innovative co-curricular activities such as International Space Station Club, International Club, Healthy & Fitness Club, business club, environmental science club, and an app programming club. Valley Christian graduates have gone on to attend universities such as UC-Berkeley, Princeton, UCLA, and New York University.









#### **Application Process**

to attend a School beginning in January or August 2019

Submit an Application

Online at waglobalnetwork.org and pay the \$375 USD application fee (credit card).

2 Submit Supporting Documents

Passport copy, picture, transcripts, test scores, immunization records

Video Interview with WA Global Network Admissions Staff
Introduce yourself and be evaluated

4 Receive Admissions Result

Be notified within 5-10 days after your interview if you are accepted

Select a School

Work closely with WA Global Network admissions staff to select a school

6 Sign Enrollment Contract and Make Payment
Receive official acceptance paperwork

7 Obtain F-1 Student Visa

Obtain your F-1 student visa from a local U.S. consulate or embassy

Make Final Payment

Make remaining payment due

9 Buy Flights and Submit Travel Information
Purchase your flights and submit information by May 31, 2019

Arrive in California for SEI
Fly into Los Angeles on July 12, 2019

Finish SEI and Begin at your WA Global Network School
Fly to your new school and host family in early August

#### **Admissions Requirements**

- Supportive parents
- Respectful student
- Application at waglobalnetwork.org
- Interview through Skype or WeChat
- Submit all supporting document

#### **Dates**

- Arrive at SEI on July 12, 2019 [required preparation & orientation]
- Finish SEI on August 2 or 6, 2019
- Most schools start between mid-August and late August
- Most schools end each year at the end of May or early June



#### **Test Score Minimums**

Students may apply and interview **before** taking one of the following tests, but the test may be required after the interview. Below are the minimum scores which should be achieved by the student.

Entering	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
iTEP SLATE Plus	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	5.0
TOEFL iBT	40	50	60	60	70
TOEFL Jr.	650	650	675	750	750
IELTS	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.0



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