

International Student Enrichment Program (ISEP)





Introduction

Heritage Student Foundation, Inc. (HSF) provides private school enrollment service to international students through its International Student Enrichment Program (ISEP) and also arranges their homestay needs.

ISEP has been developed to cater to the needs of students who aim to jump-start their education in the English language and have aspirations of attending college in the United States. HSF's resources and networks include a solid rapport with about 100 day schools throughout the U.S. and a nationwide host network of over 3,900 families in the U.S. and Canada.

HSF knows that whether or not attending school in the U.S. proves to be a positive and beneficial experience for int'l students largely depends on the homestay arrangement, as the host will be an active participant in the student's academic life while attending to school matters on behalf of the student's parents. Our coordinators' professional approach and reliable expertise enables HSF to successfully manage students' homestay needs, resulting in a cancellation rate that is currently less than 5%.

“Heritage Student Foundation has been very supportive in helping me to adapt to my new life here in the U.S.”

S.Y. Kim Student from S. Korea

ISEP is structured in a way that will provide students and their parents with a comprehensive set of services that will eventually translate to an undeniable advantage for the student when he/she is facing the American college admissions process.

In order to better accommodate the needs and preferences of our students, HSF has established connections with about 100 day schools all over the United States. Generally, international students attend student visa-eligible private schools or SEVIS-approved schools—more and more students choose to attend private day schools due to the lower costs of education and the higher quality of education in comparison to private boarding schools and public high schools, respectively. Participating schools are continuously added to our ever-expanding list, and HSF coordinators work hard to maintain a solid rapport with these schools by corresponding directly with the Director of Admissions and the administrators of each school.

Private Day School

Benefits of a day school.

People who are unfamiliar with the U.S. schools may wonder why a day school + homestay arrangement might be a more suitable alternative option over the more conventional option of sending their children to a boarding school. HSF believes that these following factors appeal to certain parents and students who wish for an academic and cultural learning experience that cannot be found in a boarding school environment.

Minority communities are *actually* minorities in day schools. Boarding schools are more likely to have high populations of not only minority students, but significant numbers of international students—sometimes reaching 40% or more. It is important to consider such figures if a student is to become accustomed to and improve their knowledge of the culture and traditions as well as the English language. Living with a host family is far more conducive to learning both than being housed in a dormitory with other Chinese students.

Day school tuition is cheaper than the average cost of attending a boarding school. The average annual tuition and fees that a boarding school student pays is around \$45,000 to \$55,000, while the combined costs

of day school tuition and homestay fees average from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Despite commonly-held misconceptions by those unfamiliar with the American education system, the quality of education of day schools is on par with boarding schools—there is hardly any correlation between tuition and quality of education. For example, there are many public schools that are not only competitive with private schools, but they outrank many, many private schools. Oftentimes, the lower costs of educating a child at a private day school can be explained by its affiliation with the local church and its parish who subsidize the tuition and fees for each enrolled student.

HSF has been developing relationship with numerous schools across the U.S. Now the number of SEVIS-approved participating day schools is over an hundred. Therefore participating students will have more diversified selection of schools to apply.



Participating Schools

ISEP participating private schools has been selected carefully based on many factors. The schools must be SEVIS-approved to issue I-20 in order for international students to submit it to U.S. consulate to acquire student visa (F-1). Tuition and fees of the participating schools range from \$4,600 to \$21,000. Participating schools provide Advanced Placement (AP) courses in order for qualified students to be able to transfer the credit to colleges they are entering.

HSF provide school profile sheet of each school. HSF periodically check with schools and periodically revise school profiles with the

most up to date information. (See sample school profile in the next page)

The schools are located from west coast to east coast in most of states. HSF cares locations of the schools to ensure that the vicinity of school is safe and good to commute. Among over 100 participating schools, applying students could have diversified selection based on their own criteria.

For any reason, student could also apply to a non-ISEP participating school found by own. HSF will arrange a homestay family for the student in commuting distance.

<Sample Page of School List>

State	School Name	Rating	Founded	Type	Grade	Total Enrolled	Korean	Chinese	Tuition	Fees	Program Fee	Honors/AP	Interview	Avg SAT/ACT	Airport	ESL	SLEP	Website
IN	Trinity School at Greenlawn South Bend, IN	★★★★	1981	Coed	7-12	176	0	2	Grade 7-8: \$8,850 Grade 9-12: \$9,100	Application \$50	\$15,000	AP 0 Honors 0	Phone Interview	1269	ORD	No	No	http://www.trinityschools.org/greenlawn
KS	Hayden High School Topeka, KS	★★★	1911	Coed	9-12	530	6	0	\$7,760	Lunch \$2.50 daily Registration \$200	\$15,500	AP 4 Honors 13 Dual Credit ?	Interview necessary, but...	NP	MCI	No	No	http://www.haydenhi.org
KY	Lexington Catholic High School Lexington, KY	★★★★	1951	Coed	9-12	842	NP	NP	\$8,970	Registration \$275 Electives \$25-50	\$15,000	AP 16 Honors 25	No	1116 23.9	SDF	No	No	http://www.lexingtoncatholic.com
MA	South Shore Christian Academy Weymouth, MA	★★★★	1994	Coed	9-12	272	1	0	\$14,500	Application \$200	\$16,000	AP6 Honors 0	Interview may be requested	1092	BOS	No	Yes	http://www.southshorechristian.org
	Bishop Connolly High School Fall River, MA	★★★★	1966	Coed	9-12	359	0	5	\$7,600	Registration \$100 International \$300 Textbooks \$500-\$600 Uniforms \$100 School Lunch \$4/daily	\$16,500	AP 8 Honors 31 Dual Credit 3	No	NP	PVD	No	NR: HSPT	http://www.bishopconnolly.com
	Boston Trinity Academy Boston, MA	★★★★	2002	Coed	6-12	209	21	0	\$18,500	Application \$250 Student \$325 Textbooks \$200-\$500 Uniforms \$100-\$200	\$18,500	AP 7 Honors 0	Webcam/Skype Interview	NP	BOS	Yes	NR: SSAT or ISEE	http://www.bostontinity.org
	Holyoke Catholic High School Chicopee, MA	★★★	1963	Coed	9-12	303	0	1	\$10,300	Application \$25 Uniforms \$250 Textbooks \$550	\$16,500	AP 7 Honors 17	No, but must meet Host Family	1049	BDL	No	SLEP: HSPT	http://www.gaeis.org
	Pope John XXIII High School Everett, MA	★★★★	1965	Coed	9-12	250	8	2	\$7,400	Fundraising \$400	\$16,500	AP 5 Honors 26	No	SAT 1550 ACT 28	BOS	Yes	No	http://www.popejohnhs.org
	Marian High School Framingham, MA	★★★★	1956	Coed	9-12	267	26	0	\$9,200	Registration \$250 Class \$400	\$17,000	AP 7 Honors 15	No	NP	BOS	Yes	NR: HSPT	http://marianhigh.org
	St. Bernard's High School Fitchburg, MA	★★★	1920	Coed	9-12	380	8	2	\$7,575	Application \$500 Registration \$200 Textbooks fee included in tuition	\$16,500	AP 4 Honors 9	No	NP	BOS	No	NR: HSPT	http://stb.echalk.com/home
MD	Frederick Christian Academy Frederick, MD	★★	1990	Coed	K-12	363	1	3	\$9,900	Application \$150 Activity \$125	\$16,000	AP 1 Honors 1	Phone Interview	24	IAD	Yes	No	http://www.fcamd.org
	New Hope Academy Landover Hills, MD	★★	1990	Coed	K-12	236	1	1	\$9,010	Application \$100 Endowment \$200 Academic \$745	\$16,000	AP 1 Honors 0	No	NP	IAD	No	No	http://www.newhopeacademy.org
MI	Fr. Gabriel Richard High School Ann Arbor, MI	★★★★	2003 (1868)	Coed	9-12	500	5	3	\$8,950	Application \$30 Student \$125 Books \$200-\$300	\$16,000	AP 10 Honors N/A	No	NP	DTW	No	No	http://www.fgrhsaa.org
	Rudolf Steiner School Ann Arbor, MI	★★★	1980	Coed	K-12	331	NP	NP	\$14,850	Application \$60	\$16,000	AP 2 Honors 0	No	NP	DTW	Yes	No	http://www.steinerschool.org
	Totino Grace High School Fridley, MN	★★★★	1966	Coed	9-12	916	NP	NP	\$11,750		\$15,500	AP 8 Honors 18 Dual Credit 4	No	24.4	MSP	No	No	http://www.totinograce.org

<School Profile Sample>

Xaverian Brothers High School Westwood, MA

www.xbhs.com



School Facts

Year Founded	1963	Grade	9 ~ 12	School Type	All Boys
Religion	Catholic	Total No. Student	1054	Teacher : Student	1:14
% of Asian	2%	No. of Chinese	5	No. of Korean	6
No. of AP Classes	18	No. of Honor Classes	30	ESL Course	No
Uniform	No	Nearest Metro City	Boston	School Bus Available	Yes
Winter Term Entry	No	Standard Test Req'd for Application	<input type="checkbox"/> SLEP <input type="checkbox"/> SSAT / ISEE <input type="checkbox"/> TOEFL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Test : Entrance/Placement Exam		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition: \$14,100 / Reservation Deposit: \$1,000 / Registration: \$700		Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tennis Ct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theater <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music Hall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others Field Track	
Top 10 Colleges Matriculation List	Boston College, Brown University, Clemson University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Pennsylvania State University, Tulane University, Tufts University, University of Southern California				
Clubs & Activities	Arts: Art Club, Classical Cafe, Concordian (Literary Magazine), Improv Club, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, National Art Honor Society, National Music Honor Society, Radio Station (WHKS), Theatre Arts Club, Yearbook Intramural: Billiards, Bowling, Chess, Outdoorsman's Club, Racquetball Club, Robotics Club, Ski Club, Ultimate Frisbee, Weight Training Interscholastic: Math Team, Alpine Skiing, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Hockey, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Rugby, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball Scholastic: Computer, Cultural Exchange, Foreign Exchange, French Club, History Club, Model UN, National French Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science Club, Spanish Club, Student Council Misc: Go Club, Peer Ministry, X-Change				

Vicinity Information

Major City : Boston

Boston is the capital and largest city in Massachusetts, and is one of the oldest cities in the United States. The largest city in New England, Boston is sometimes regarded as the unofficial "Capital of New England" for its economic and cultural impact. Boston city proper had a 2008 estimated population of 620,535, making it the twenty-first largest in the country. Boston is also the anchor of a substantially larger metropolitan area called Greater Boston, home to 4.5 million people and the tenth-largest metropolitan area in the country. Greater Boston as a commuting region includes six Massachusetts counties, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Plymouth, and Worcester, all of Rhode Island and parts of New Hampshire; it is home to 7.5 million people, making it the fifth-largest Combined Statistical Area in the United States





The Homestay Experience

Guided Homestay Arrangement

Students learn the English more rapidly due to the constant exposure to a purely English language environment that does not end with the school day. A homestay environment provides more opportunities for the student to get involved in extracurricular activities, including those outside of school. Students who attend a day school and live with a host family regularly participate in widely-varied activities that round out their schedules during the school year. These students are optimal candidates for a U.S. college or university, as these higher education institutions are looking for students who add diversity and prominence to their student body. A mere honor roll student will not be able to catch the eye of an admissions board representative of a top-tier school. In particular, leadership qualities are always in demand. Rather than being limited by what is

offered by the school, a host family can support a student's efforts by using their local connections, giving rides, etc.

Although it may not seem so, American culture and society are family-centered. Much of the socialization process and the learning of the American way of life takes place within the family. HSF believes that the homestay provides opportunities for a student to learn about the culture and traditions that are not only commonly-held and practiced by all American families but those that are unique to each host family. Homestay students can take advantage of summer opportunities in the U.S. rather than returning home like their boarding school counterparts. Our hosts are enthusiastic about introducing students to summer camps—academic, sports, music, etc.

Homestay Management

Host candidates will be introduced to the student party until a compatible host family is found. Once the selection is made:

- ◆ HSF coordinates the homestay arrangement and prepares the host family for the student's arrival in the U.S.
- ◆ First two weeks are a probationary period; both parties get to know each other and determine compatibility.
- ◆ In the case of incompatibility, an alternate host family is introduced. HSF can arrange two transfers after the initial homestay arrangement, free of charge.
- ◆ HSF coordinators will check in periodically and regularly, mostly by means of email and phone calls to the host, student, and even school contacts, if necessary. HSF Local Coordinators may visit the host and student in person.
- ◆ If the student is in need of academic support, HSF will introduce a tutor to the student by submitting resumes of local teaching professionals to the student party.
- ◆ As the academic year draws to a close, HSF will assist the student with re-enrollment by working in cooperation with the schools.
- ◆ HSF can make arrangements for students who wish to remain in the U.S. for an extended period or for the whole summer after school ends.



Heritage Student Foundation

Heritage Student Foundation and its sister company, Seed Education have been operating and improving ISEP since 2005. Through their joint efforts, the networks of host families and schools have expanded and continue to do so. In addition, thanks to various improvements to our policies and procedures, changes in staffing, and referrals by current students, we have seen an increase in the volume of students enrolling in our program for the upcoming academic year. We hope that this signals greater advancements in the kinds and quality of the service offered by HSF to students.

◆ HSF has just embarked on providing supplemental academic support to all students enrolled in ISEP by developing a network of tutors. HSF has recognized the needs of international students, whose schools may not be able to address their unique situation—their grasp of the English language may pose an obstacle to learning. Not limited to just ESL tutors, our nation-wide database is quickly expanding, complete with resumes of each tutor applicant.

◆ HSF is a full-service company. We advise the student party during the application process, find international students host families, find tutors for schools that do not offer ESL, aid students in selecting extracurricular programs outside of schools, offer college counseling, arrange summer camp/school enrollment, etc.

Find out more about what partnership opportunities are available to you! HSF is interested in partnering with agencies and organizations who share the same mission of providing academic and cultural learning opportunities to students abroad.

◆ Each student is assigned to a Coordinator, who handles every step of the processes listed above. HSF Coordinators are experienced and equipped to manage all aspects of a student’s homestay and school life, including coordinating standardized exams, facilitating steps towards conflict resolution, etc.

Company Summary

- ▶ Established 12. 2005
- ▶ Participating ISEP Schools : 98
- ▶ Host Members Nationwide : 3,900

