



# EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## International Student Program Information

Dear Parents and Students, East Side Union High School District welcomes you to the International Student Program. It is important that both applicants and their parents be well informed of the program policies and information regarding the participant's involvement in the International Student Program. We ask that you take the time to review the materials and forms included in this packet. All forms should be completed and returned to the District office according to the arranged schedule. Your cooperation and support will assist our staff in planning and carrying out this exciting experience.

Once a student completes the application to the International Student Program, they will then be asked to select up to 2 schools they would most like to attend. Please be aware that students may also be asked to complete school-specific documents. Upon acceptance to a high school, the District requires additional enrollment documents that the student must complete and submit before being officially enrolled in a school. We wish you the best of luck as you begin this exciting chapter in your life. Of course, if you need anything, we are here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have.

### Overview

The East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD), established in 1950, serves over 24,000 students in grades 9-12 at eleven comprehensive high schools, seven alternative education sites, seven child development centers and twelve independent charter schools. The District offers a safe and innovative learning environment, award-winning athletic programs, extracurricular activities, robust Advanced Placement courses and Career Technical Education program through its Magnet Programs, and CA Partnership Academies. The Adult Education Program serves an additional 8,100 students. The District has the seventh largest high school student enrollment in the State and the largest in Northern California.

Located in the city of San Jose, Santa Clara County (Silicon Valley), the District encompasses 180 square miles, which geographically parallels approximately 14 miles of the east foothills of the valley. The East Side community has a population of over 574,502 rich in racial and cultural diversity.

### Location

- Silicon Valley – East Side is located within miles of the latest technology and America's most influential high technology economic sector
- East Side has a strong demographic international base and multicultural environment that values diversity
- East Side has a strong and diverse academic offering for international students

Over 40 native languages are spoken by East Side students. There are 3,607 students in the District's English Language Learners Program. The community has a tradition of involvement and interest in its schools. It is considered an ideal community because of its appealing climate, convenient geographical location and proximity to cultural centers and numerous institutions of higher learning.



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### **Program Goals and Expectations**

To provide educational enrichment, to promote a better understanding between American students and students of other countries. International students' expectations to meet and exceed the District academic classes. East Side Union High school District Valedictorians Students graduate our high schools to attend the following Universities like UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Francisco, and many others.

### **International Student Program Schools**

In addition to our College Prep Program, the District also has special academic programs at the following sites:

1. Andrew Hill High School
2. Independence High School
3. James Lick High School
4. Mt. Pleasant High School
5. Oak Grove High School
6. W.C. Overfelt High School
7. Yerba Buena High School

**IMPORTANT:** Starting Fall Semester of 2026-2027 school year, the international students will have seven school options that are available to host F-1 international students.

## International Student Program Documents Required for Admission

### **Sponsorship Consent Form:**

- Student with host family- If you have a family relative or family friend who lives within Santa Clara County, they must be at least 21 years of age. The sponsor is someone who is willing to let the international student reside with them during your stay. **Please have sponsor to complete the form.**
- Student without host family – The District will make every effort to assist the students locating an acceptable host family.

**Documents:** Proof of the student's age (month, day, and year) must be submitted. Student must be 18 years of age or under and must not have graduated from a high school or equivalent. Please provide a copy of your birth certificate and passport.

### **Report of Health Examination:**

- Documentation of immunizations must be submitted.
- Tuberculosis –TB Test: All students must submit evidence of a negative results Tuberculosis test with their completed application. A normal test result should be reported as negative test. If a positive result was recorded, an explanation must be provided, and a chest x-ray must be completed and certified by a doctor to determine if the student is free of infectious tuberculosis.  
Important: Additional TB clearance is required by the State of California upon student arrival to USA.

### **Permission for Medical/ Emergency Treatment Form and HIPAA / Host Family Agreement:**

**Parental Consent Form #1:** Complete form #1 if the student will be living with a family friend or relative that will sponsor. This form must be fully completed and signed by the parent. Please submit a copy of Host Caregiver identification photo ID and two utility bills including Gas, Electricity, Water bills or rental agreement.

**OR**

**Parental Consent Form #2:** Complete form #2 if the international student does not have a host family to sponsor. This form must be fully completed and signed by the parent.

**Student Accident Insurance / Health Insurance:** If the international student does not have health and accident insurance, in accordance with Education Code Section 49472, the District is making available a low-cost medical /dental and accident insurance program. For more information, please see link attached:

<http://www.peinsurance.com/>

**Transcript:** Include an original school transcript (an official and a copy) with your application. At least three years of final grades must be included. If current year's grades are not yet available, include grades from three previous years (**must translated into English by a recognized translation service**).

**English Teacher Recommendation Form:** Must be completed by your English class teacher.

**Payment of Application Fee:** Non-Refundable \$150 per student application. Bank Cashier's Check or Money Order. Payable To: East Side Union High School District ISP Application Fee.

**Payment of Tuition:** Federal regulations require full payment of tuition to the school district before a Form I-20 can be certified. School Districts are not allowed to waive this mandatory requirement.

**Length of Stay:** Students enrolling in high school are allowed by Federal law to stay one year in a public high school in United States of America. After completing one year of study the student must then either transfer to a private high school or to a college or go home.

**Non-Refundable I-20 Form Processing Fee:** Student and parent must sign and return the Non-Refundable Processing Fee with the packet.