

# International Christian Education Mission

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School Year 2010-2011

Dear International Family,

Greetings from ICEM and Clear Lake Christian School (CLCS). We are very excited about your interest in sending your student to our school.

The enclosed packet contains information about our school. Our website ([www.clcseagles.com](http://www.clcseagles.com)) is also a very helpful tool in answering many questions. While the focus on academics is always on the forefront, our highest priority is the development of the student's spiritual character. Our school represents 50 or more Christian churches that we encourage families to faithfully attend.

As you begin the admissions process we look forward to working with you and your student. It is our goal that the relationships you form during this process will become life long relationships.

Students may be required to complete testing to determine English proficiency and placement. Some international students will be required to take one or more ESL classes. Seniors will take an SAT prep course.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Very respectfully,

Patricia Gehret  
ICEM Ministries Director

## School Environment

**Diversity:** CLCS has a strong commitment to students, staff, and faculty with diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. We have students from more than 10 countries around the world and many more ethnic backgrounds. We represent more than 50 Christian churches in our area and have a strong vision to evangelize the world.

**Safety:** Safety is a high priority at CLCS. Students have secure indoor lockers. Staff or faculty supervises all school sponsored activities. The three entrances to the building are constantly monitored and all visitors must check in and receive a visitor's badge before entering student areas.

**Discipline:** We are dedicated to developing Christian leaders. Students are expected to behave on and off campus in manner that is consistent with the highest principles of Christian faith and practice. This includes the language they use to correspond with their friends. We are in a world that has lost regard for pure and moral speech. We believe that as Christians we are to be different from the world and our speech is to reflect that. Students who use ungodly speech in any forum, (notes, e-mails, phone calls, my space, spoken, etc.) will be dealt with. Teachers issue detentions for students displaying inappropriate classroom behavior, and the Principal determines further disciplinary action (according to the CLCS disciplinary procedures as outlined in the student handbook). Each student /family receives a handbook upon enrollment. The goal of our discipline is to teach and restore.

**Dress Code:** Students at CLCS wear uniforms. This helps to level the playing field of socioeconomic status where wealthy students wear expensive clothes that students with less money can't afford. It also gives them a tailored academic look that gets them ready to participate in class. Students may wear blue or khaki slacks (dockers style), knee length shorts, skorts, or skirts. Shirts can be oxford or polo type in navy, royal blue, or white. The school handbook has complete details on acceptable wear including shoes and jackets.

**School Schedule:** School begins in mid-August and ends in May. There are approximately 180 school days (not including holidays). Students must be in attendance 90% of those days to receive credit.

**Course Offerings:** CLCS is an accredited high school and offers courses that prepare students to enter the college of their choice.

**Math:** Fundamentals of Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Cal, and Calculus

**Science:** Earth Science, Life Science, IPC, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

**History:** Texas History, American History, Geography, U.S. History, World History, and Government/Economics

**Foreign Language:** Spanish

**English:** I-IV, ESL, and SAT prep

**Athletics:** basketball, football, volleyball, golf, soccer, softball, baseball, track, etc.

**Electives:** electives may vary from year to year dependent on student need, possible electives include band, choir, art, computer, welding, sign language, praise dance, journalism, photography, etc.

## **Host Family Information**

### **Host Family Definition:**

A Host Family acts as the International Student's family while they are in the United States attending Clear Lake Christian School. This family, who most likely will already be a part of the CLCS community, will accept this student into their home as one of their own children. The International Student will participate in family events, attend church on a weekly basis, go along on family outings, and enjoy the holidays with their host family. The Host Parents will hold the International Student accountable for homework, household chores, and other routine family obligations and will discipline the student when necessary. This nurturing environment helps each student with the transition from one country to another.

### **Host Family Selection**

Host Families are selected after they have completed the screening process. Each potential host family is required to submit a Host Family Application. Upon receipt of this application, an ICEM staff member will interview the family and visit their home. After the screening process, the host family becomes eligible to receive an International Student.

The ICEM Director is responsible for matching the Host Family to each International Student. We try and match genders of the International Student with those of the children in the Host Family. Students may not request to change Host Families unless the HIM Director recommends it. This is almost never done as it is counter productive to the relationships we are trying to form.

After the selection, we will forward the Host Family Information (including the Host Family's expectations, living arrangements, etc.) to the International Family. A Host Family Agreement will then be issued and signed by the Host Family, the International Family and a ICEM representative. At this point, we encourage both sides to begin communication which will help ease any anxieties on the part of the host family or the student.

# International Student Admissions Procedures

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### **STEP 1. Clear Lake Christian School Review**

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|  | Familiarize yourself with the school via this packet and/or the websites |
|  | Review course offerings  |
|  | Review Official Finance Sheet  |
|  | Review International Program Information                                 |
|  | Review Host Family Information   |

### **STEP 2. Application-Student Information**

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|  | International Student Application                                  |
|  | Student Self –Evaluation & Letter of Introduction                  |
|  | Copy of Birth Certificate  |
|  | Family Album- a minimum of 4 family photos and 2 student portraits |

### **STEP 3. Application- Educational Information**

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|  | Transcripts of Grades-Copies of the students transcripts and any available standardized testing information must be returned in an English Translation as well as the Foreign Translation  |
|  | Teacher Recommendation Form-completed and signed by your student's most current academic teacher (other than English)  |
|  | English Teacher Recommendation Form-Completed and signed by your student's most current English Teacher  |
|  | Pastoral Recommendation from student's current pastor or youth pastor<br>**Recommendation forms can be downloaded and e-mailed to ICEM director at <a href="mailto:pgehret@yahoo.com">pgehret@yahoo.com</a> by the reference person only, not by the student themselves. |

### **STEP 4. Application-Health/Medical Information**

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|  | Health Questionnaire |
|  | Immunization Record  |
|  | Medical Release Form |

### **STEP 5. Completing the Process**

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|  | Please be sure all documents are complete and signed (incomplete applications cannot be processed). Return this information along with the \$200.00 application fee, which includes the I-20 processing fee, by cashiers check or money order to Clear Lake Christian School. |
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# INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION STUDENT SELF-EVALUATION

The following should be filled out by the student.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_ Entering grade \_\_\_\_\_

In order to get to know you better, we would appreciate your honest opinion on the items below. Please feel free to consult your parents should you not totally understand what is being asked. Thank you for your participation in this admissions process.

## 1. Characteristics

Please rate yourself in the following areas by checking the box which most accurately represents your performance (**Excellent (E)**-always/almost, **Good (G)** - mostly, **Fair (F)** -sometimes, **Poor (P)** - needs much improvement)

|   | E | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Academic Efforts                             |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Academic Achievements                        |   |   |   |   |
| 3. Extra-Curricular Efforts (clubs, music etc.) |   |   |   |   |
| 4. Extra-Curricular Achievements                |   |   |   |   |
| 5. Cooperation                                  |   |   |   |   |
| 6. Classroom Behavior                           |   |   |   |   |
| 7. Dependable / Reliable                        |   |   |   |   |
| 8. Diligence (persevering/ hard working)        |   |   |   |   |
| 9. General Attitude                             |   |   |   |   |
| 10. Honesty                                     |   |   |   |   |
| 11. Maturity                                    |   |   |   |   |
| 12. Participation                               |   |   |   |   |
| 13. Respect for Authority                       |   |   |   |   |
| 14. Self-Motivation                             |   |   |   |   |
| 15. Heart for God                               |   |   |   |   |

## 2. GRADES

After each of the following school subjects, please indicate your **most recent** letter grade,(if you have not had a particular subject leave it blank).

| SUBJECT          | GRADE | SUBJECT     | GRADE |
|------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| MATH             |       | BIBLE       |       |
| ENGLISH          |       | P.E.        |       |
| HISTORY          |       | MUSIC       |       |
| SCIENCE          |       | ART         |       |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE |       | OTHER _____ |       |

**3. STUDENT RESPONSE**

Is it your desire to attend CLCS? YES NO (circle one) Please explain.

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List two courses you have enjoyed most in the last two years and note why they have been of special interest to you.

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Have you had difficulties/challenges in any particular subjects? YES NO (circle one)  
Please explain:

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List any co-curricular school activities (i.e. sports, drama, music, etc.) you have enjoyed in the last two years.

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List and describe your principle interests outside of school including reading, hobbies, family activities, summer jobs, and any other recreation.

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List and describe your present religious affiliation. What is your understanding of Christianity? Do you consider yourself to be a Christian? YES NO (circle one)  
Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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You are responsible for obeying the rules and expectations of your host parents whether you agree with them or not. Are you will to submit to their authority over you?  
YES NO (circle one) Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. STUDENT'S LETTER OF INTRODUCTION**

Using the bottom of the statement of intent, please write us a letter telling us about your personal interests, your letter should be in your own words in English, and may include some of the following items: description of yourself and family members, expectation of your stay in the U.S. and with a host family, how you spend your time on the weekends, a

significant experience in your life, how CLCS and your future host family will benefit by welcoming you into the community, etc.

**5. STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Clear Lake Christian School is dedicated to helping students grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically. We enjoy our life together and think it is important that every CLCS student truly desires to be apart of our learning community. In view of this, please read the following statement, and affirm your intention and agreement by your signature:

**If accepted for admission to Clear Lake Christian School, I promise to abide by the regulations of CLCS. I understand and appreciate the Christian foundation of the school, have a strong desire to attend, and will make every effort to make CLCS better because of my involvement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION  
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION  
(Current Academic Teacher)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:**

This student is applying for admission to Clear Lake Christian School. The school is a Christian K-12 school with a curriculum that is essentially college preparatory. We would appreciate your evaluation of the applicant. Please complete all parts including the recommendation portion.

Use the following scale:

E- Excellent, G – Good, F – Fair, P – Poor

| <b>ACADEMIC QUALITIES</b>     | <b>E</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>P</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Study Habits                  |          |          |          |          |
| Attention Span                |          |          |          |          |
| Ability to Work Independently |          |          |          |          |
| Motivation and Drive          |          |          |          |          |
| Intellectual Aptitude         |          |          |          |          |

| <b>PERSONAL QUALITIES</b>    | <b>E</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>P</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Classroom Conduct            |          |          |          |          |
| Leadership Potential         |          |          |          |          |
| Reaction to Criticism        |          |          |          |          |
| Concern for Others           |          |          |          |          |
| Personal Integrity           |          |          |          |          |
| Ability to Act Independently |          |          |          |          |
| Overall Behavior             |          |          |          |          |

Comments on **Academic/ Personal Qualities:**

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During what school year(s) did you supervise the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what subjects and/or activities have you taught or supervised the applicant?

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Please comment about any of the applicant's noteworthy interests, talents, and/or abilities.

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In your professional opinion, does the applicant have any identified learning disabilities or challenges? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Has the applicant's family been cooperative in supporting your classroom policies and procedures? If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Recommendation for Clear Lake Christian School**

Please provide your overall recommendation as to this applicant's qualifications for admission to Clear Lake Christian School.

- Highly Recommended
- Recommend
- Hesitate to Recommend
- Do not Recommend

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Your judgments are used solely for the admissions process, are held in the strictest confidence, and are not part a student's permanent record. Although we are unable to acknowledge this recommendation individually, we thank you in advance for the help you comments will provide. Please feel free to call us if there is any additional information you wish to discuss.

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**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION  
ENGLISH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION  
(Most Recent English Teacher)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:**

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Use the following scale:

E- Excellent, G – Good, F – Fair, P – Poor

| <b>ACADEMIC QUALITIES</b>     | <b>E</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>P</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Study Habits                  |          |          |          |          |
| Attention Span                |          |          |          |          |
| Ability to Work Independently |          |          |          |          |
| Motivation and Drive          |          |          |          |          |
| Intellectual Aptitude         |          |          |          |          |

| <b>PERSONAL QUALITIES</b>    | <b>E</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>P</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Classroom Conduct            |          |          |          |          |
| Leadership Potential         |          |          |          |          |
| Reaction to Criticism        |          |          |          |          |
| Concern for Others           |          |          |          |          |
| Personal Integrity           |          |          |          |          |
| Ability to Act Independently |          |          |          |          |
| Overall Behavior             |          |          |          |          |

Comments on **Academic/ Personal Qualities:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

During what school year(s) did you supervise the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what subjects and/or activities have you taught or supervised the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please comment about any of the applicant's noteworthy interests, talents, and/or abilities.

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In your professional opinion, does the applicant have any identified learning disabilities or challenges? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Has the applicant's family been cooperative in supporting your classroom policies and procedures? If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Recommendation for Clear Lake Christian School**

Please provide your overall recommendation as to this applicant's qualifications for admission to Clear Lake Christian School.

- Highly Recommended
- Recommend
- Hesitate to Recommend
- Do not Recommend

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION  
PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION  
(Current Pastor or Youth Pastor)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor:**

This student is applying for admission to Clear Lake Christian School. The school is a Christian K-12 school with a curriculum that is essentially college preparatory. We would appreciate your evaluation of the applicant. Please complete all parts including the recommendation portion.

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant been attending your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Does this family attend church regularly? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate the applicant's spiritual maturity? \_\_\_\_\_

How adaptable do you think this applicant will be for living away from family in a foreign culture? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think this applicant will do in a rigorous academic environment? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you characterize the applicant's personal qualities and character? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant participate in any community or church activities? If yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the applicant's strong points? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant have any problems of which we should be aware? \_\_\_\_\_

## Overall Recommendation for Clear Lake Christian School

Please provide your overall recommendation as to this applicant's qualifications for admission to Clear Lake Christian School.

- Highly Recommended
- Recommend
- Hesitate to Recommend
- Do not Recommend

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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