

International Student Requirements – 2024/2025

International Students are defined as long term students (one academic year minimum) attending the school with the same educational expectations as Alberta students, but are not legally defined residents of Alberta and do not qualify for Alberta Education Grants.

The Calgary Waldorf School can accommodate a *limited* number of International Students with preference given to students commencing at the beginning of the school year, in September. Applications for September must be submitted prior to June 1. If you are applying for a January or February start date we may not be able to confirm space availability until after October 1.

Applications for the 2024/25 school year may not be processed until after March 1, 2024. In most cases we are not able to confirm available place in a class until the March 1 enrolment renewal for currently enrolled students is complete.

Documents Required (must accompany application)

- Copy of Passport or Birth Certificate
- Translated reports from the current school year
- Letter of reference from current school indicating student's English Language ability, behaviour and academic standing
- Letter indicating the desired length of attendance

Guidelines/Conditions for Accepting International/EAL Students

- Calgary Waldorf School does not provide EAL instruction as part of programming.
- Students must have English language ability to be able to understand classroom instructions.
- The parents/guardians are required to contract regular EAL tutoring for the student outside of school time if the student has limited proficiency in the English language or if their command of the English language is considered by the class teacher to be a barrier to learning /communicating in the class. Payment for this tutoring is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.
- International/EAL students may be required to receive extra academic tutoring outside of school hours if requested by the class teacher. Payment for extra tutoring will be the responsibility of the parents.
- If the parent's/guardian's English language communication is limited, the parent/guardian must provide teachers with an English speaking adult to act as contact person/interpreter who is readily available to discuss and translate teacher communications with the parent/guardian.

Considerations Prior to Accepting Students

- Available space in the class
- Number of students currently in the class with additional learning needs
- Student's academic achievement
- Student's current English Language ability and parent's collaboration for organizing English Language tutoring outside of school.
- The Calgary Waldorf School does not offer EAL as a part of its program
- Understanding of Waldorf Education
- A letter of acceptance will be issued once the student has been accepted into the program.

Late Arrivals/Delays in Obtaining Study Permits or other Required Documents

- The Initiation, School Supply, Field Trip and International Student fees are annual fees. They are not pro-rated for late entry or mid-year withdrawals. The full fees are paid for any portion of the school year that a student attends. These fees are to be paid in accordance with the regular payment schedule.
- The Tuition Fees are not prorated for late arrivals. All tuition fees are paid in accordance with our regular payment schedule. All payments are non-refundable once paid. The exception is the Initiation Fee which may be refunded up to August 1st in the event of a withdrawal. These are our standard withdrawal policies for all students.
- In the event of a late arrival, the student is not considered *enrolled or registered* in our school until such a time as they are attending classes in person. Payment of the tuition fees holds their place in the class only, it does not entitle the student to remote or distance learning.
- In the event that the student does not arrive within 3 months of the arranged start date, the school reserves the right to cancel the enrolment. All fees paid up to and including that date will be non-refundable.

Student Health Insurance

- The school does not provide health insurance for students. Families must obtain their own health insurance.

Documents required prior to attending school

- Copy of valid Study Permit (required prior to attending classes), Copy of Passport.
- Completed Enrolment Package (Payment schedule, Emergency Medical Forms, Emergency Contact Information etc.)

Financial/ Fundraising Obligations

- Current Tuition and other fees as detailed in the *Enrolment Information* plus \$6,400.00 per student as International Student Fee. This fee is a non-refundable flat fee payable for the full school year and will not be prorated for less than full school year enrolments
- Sibling discounts are applied to the student's family not host family (i.e. to receive the sibling discount the children must be siblings with the same parents, not children with the same host or guardian.)
- Family Initiation Fee of \$1,500 paid in full per student family (not host family)
- Preference is given to full school year enrolments
- Fundraising Obligations: 1 family obligation per host/guardian family

Student Reports/Testing

- Students will receive written student progress reports and participate in testing consistent with all other students in the class