



Dear International Student Applicant,

We are thankful that you have decided to apply for admission to our school. Since its founding, La Sierra Academy has been devoted to teaching students to learn, serve, and achieve through Christ while encouraging lives of character and leadership. I think you will find that we have an excellent college/university preparatory educational program and some exciting athletic, music, drama, spiritual and extracurricular programs planned for the 2016-17 School Year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions and would like to set up an appointment to visit the school and begin the application/registration process. Please call us at 951-351-1445, ext. 217 for the Junior High and ext. 209 for the High School.

Application deadlines

Fall semester applications are due July 1st.

Spring semester applications are due November 1st.

Please note that a late application fee will apply:

- \$300 will be charged for applications received after July 1st or November 1st.

- \$400 will be charged for applications received after August 1st or December 1st.

Please follow the step by step instructions to complete the admissions process:

Step 1 - Application Checklist

A student's application will not be considered unless all of the following documents are provided

_____ \$250 Non-refundable Application Fee

_____ International Student Application

- Paper application for Junior High students
- Online and paper application for High School students

_____ Signed credit card payment authorization for Junior High applicants

_____ Copy of a current passport

_____ Official transcripts and a GPA of 3.5 on the 4.0 scale or 8.5 on the 10 point scale is required.

_____ Copy of Immunization Records translated into English. Must include:

- TB skin test of chest X-ray (negative report) within the past 12 months.
- Chicken Pox vaccination or proof of the disease

_____ Documented physical examination by a medical doctor within the past 12 months.

Physical examination is required for all 7th and 9th graders.

_____ Two (2) letters of recommendation: from the principal and a teacher who is able to assess the student's academic ability.

These should be mailed directly to the school from the person filling it out.

_____ Documentation of financial resources to meet school and living expenses.

_____ Proof of English Language Proficiency as follows:

An official copy of the TOEFL with a minimum score of 65 internet based for High School and 61 for Junior High. Score report must be mailed directly from the TOEFL testing center. (See www.toefl.org for more information).

_____ Submit a Video of 2-5 minutes in length answering the following questions:

- Full Name and American Name
- Why do you want to study in America?
- Why are you interested in our school?
- What will you contribute to our campus community?
- What are your goals and aspirations?
- What do you do for fun on your free time?

Step 2 - Conditional Acceptance

After receiving all of your admission documents, you will receive a conditional acceptance letter from the registrar. To receive full acceptance, the following needs to be submitted:

_____ **Payment of full tuition for the year.** Issuance of I-20: **Tuition must be paid in full for the year before issuing an I-20.** Please make financial arrangements with the Business Office. You can contact Andrea Esparza at aesparza@lsak12.com for financial questions. Preparation of the I-20 form is done by the Business Office. It is the student/parent's responsibility to take the I-20 and any supporting documents required to the US Consular office for final approval.

_____ **Transcripts evaluated thru AERC** (American Education Research Corporation). Go to www.aerc-eval.com for instructions on submitting transcripts and filling out an application. Students are required to request a detailed report.

Step 3- Full Acceptance

Upon receiving your payment and transcripts from the AERC you will receive your I-20 and a Registration Packet.

Step 4 – Registration

The Registration Packet will include all the information you need to begin preparing for the first day of school.

Yennie Rodriguez

Academy Registrar

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TK-12 Grade International Student Application

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Student Information

Last Name	First Name	American Name	M.I	Gender	School Year	Grade Entering
Student Cell Phone	Student E-mail address	Birthdate/Age	Ethnicity (statistical purposes)	Baptized SDA? (mo/day/year)	Church of Membership	

Family/Parent/Guardian Information Home-Stay/Guardian/Student Information

Parent Name (Last, First)			Parent Name (Last, First)		
Relationship			Relationship		
E-mail Addresses			E-mail Addresses		
Mailing Address City, State ,Zip			Mailing Address City, State ,Zip		
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone
Occupation/ Employer	SDA Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church Where Membership is held: (SDA or Other)	Occupation/ Employer	SDA Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church Where Membership is held: (SDA or Other)

Secondary Residence

Send correspondence to this address also Yes No

Parent Name (Last, First) Does parent have joint custody <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Address			
Email Address	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Occupation/ Employer	SDA Member (please check) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church Where Membership is held: (SDA or Other)

Sponsor/Agency Information

Name	Cell Phone	E-mail	Address
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Homestay Siblings/Siblings Attending La Sierra Academy

Name/Grade	Name/Grade	Name/Grade
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Authorized Release / Emergency Contact Information

Please list adults other than parent or guardian over 18 with whom your child may leave campus. ID may be required.

Name/Phone	Relation to Student	Name/Phone	Relation to Student
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Consent to Treatment and Medical Information

Medical Condition & Allergies	Medication (s)		
Physician's Name	Physician's Phone Number	Hospital Preference	

First Aid: I do hereby consent to reasonable and prudent first aid to be administered by school personnel to the said minor as circumstances merit.

Medical: If emergency service involving medical attention or treatment is required and neither the parent nor the family physician can be reached for consent, the parents hereby consent to the rendering of such emergency medical service for the above named student/ as shall be necessary in the medical opinion of the doctor rendering service. This authorization is given pursuant to the state Civil Code Sec. 25.8.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

New Students - Immigration Information

Name of Last School Attended	Phone:	Are you currently attending this school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address	Are you currently in US? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Dates Attended: From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

5 th -8 th Grade Students	Elementary T-Shirt Sizes	Junior High T-Shirt Sizes
Music class preference (choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> Band (must have some knowledge of a band instrument) <input type="checkbox"/> Choir	Youth Sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large Adult Sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large	Adult Sizes (only) <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large

11th and 12th Grade Students

La Sierra Academy extends Lunch off-campus privileges to 11th and 12th grade students who have signed parent permission to leave campus. This privilege is contingent upon acceptable behavior and grades, and can be revoked at any time by School Administration. This permission to leave campus is only for lunch hours, and does not extend to times when students are working on campus or have a Study Hall. Please indicate if your student has permission to leave campus at lunch.

I grant permission for my son/daughter to leave campus at lunch.
 I **do not** grant permission for my son/daughter to leave campus at lunch. Parent Signature: _____

Permission to Post Photos/Videos/Work

La Sierra Academy advocates celebrating the accomplishments of our students and showcasing their achievement through different kinds of publications, as well as online. To protect our students, we require the parental or legal guardian written permission before placing student photos, images, videos, and works online or in school printed publications. Please indicate if we have your consent to publish photos, videos, and work of your student.

I approve and grant permission for my student's photo/work/video to be posted and used online or in the La Sierra Academy publications. I acknowledge and affirm that I have the legal right to grant such consent.

I **do not** approve or grant permission for La Sierra Academy to use my student's photographs, images, videos, or work online or in school publications.

Medical Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings will be conducted for grades: Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 5, 8, and 10 as mandated by the Southeastern California Conference. These screenings are conducted to help identify possible areas of concern, which could affect educational achievement, and that your child's Pediatrician or Optometrist may need to address. If you choose **not** to have your child participate in one or more of the screenings, please indicate your preference below.

I **do not** want my child to have the following screening:
 Vision Hearing

Parent Signature _____

Home-Stay/Family Agreement

I authorize the LSA Administration to enforce the requirements as stated in the International Student Agreement and LSA policies and procedures. Furthermore, I understand that LSA has final authority in determining homestay placement for students. Non-compliance may result in immediate revocation of I-20 visa.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Homestay Parent Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

We the undersigned, pledge to uphold the policies and principles as outlined in the current La Sierra Academy student handbook and to accept full financial responsibility according to the published financial policies and contract. To the best of our knowledge the questions on this application are answered completely and truthfully.

_____/_____/_____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian Student Signature Date

Office Use Only

Enrollment	Application Fee Clearance	Principal's Secretary
Acceptance Date ____/____/____ by: _____ Date Started ____/____/____ ____ Cum File Requested Date: ____/____/____ ____ Application Entered Date: ____/____/____ ____ Application Updated Date: ____/____/____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> By: _____	Application Copied: ____ Nurse ____ Homeroom Teachers (Elementary Only) ____ Disaster Binders ____ Consent to Treat Binders



AERC Transcript (Score Report) Evaluation

**All international students are required to submit their transcripts to AERC for evaluation.*

Please go to www.aerc-eval.com to fill out an application. Please speak with Mrs. Rodriguez if you need assistance.

Application Instructions

An evaluation is processed upon receipt of the following:

1. Complete AERC Application Form

- a. Please select Detailed Evaluation Report. **Fee is \$100.**

2. Submit original/official transcripts.

3. Certified English Translations if documents are in a foreign language

- If requesting translation and evaluation, translation fees are additional

4. Include fees according to the Fee Schedule (Check or Money Order payable to AERC)

The application, documents and fees must be mailed to:

American Education Research Corporation (AERC)
P.O. Box 996
West Covina, CA 91793-0996, USA

General Information

Processing Time

1. Standard Evaluation Processing Time - AERC requires approximately 20 working (business) days to process an evaluation from the day ALL documents and payment are received.

2. Rush Evaluation Service - Rush Evaluation Service is available for an additional fee. AERC offers two types of Rush Service:

- 5 - business days upon receiving all required documents and fees (please see fee schedule).
- 3 - business days upon receiving all required documents and fees (please see fee schedule).

Credentials Required For Evaluation

AERC accepts original or official documents for evaluation. These documents will be returned to the applicant upon completion of evaluation by regular mail.

Extra Official Evaluation Report

You may order additional official copies of the evaluation report at the time of your application or after the evaluation has been completed. To request an official evaluation report after the evaluation has been completed, you may request it in writing or complete an AERC form “Additional Official Evaluation Report Form” from this website.

Insufficient Documentation

AERC will contact the applicant or the agent representing the applicant if additional information, documents, or fees are needed to prepare the evaluation. The evaluation will not be processed until all documentations and fees have been received. Failure to supply the additional requested documentation within four months will result in the cancellation of the application with no refund.

WARNING: Alteration or irregularities in records presented will result in severe repercussion. In such a case, the documents will be impounded and the information may be disseminated to local authorities, other institutions and evaluation services. Refunds will not be processed in these cases.

IMPORTANT: It is important to read and understand all terms and conditions stated under the heading of Terms and Conditions. Applicants or their representatives must request any AERC service in writing.

2015-2016

TUITION & COMPREHENSIVE FEE RATES

International Students

The yearly tuition costs represent the total cost of educating each student in the respective grades for the entire year. Fees charged are non-refundable. Tuition and fees listed below, includes, comprehensive fee, required student accident & health insurance, school uniforms (5 tops, 5 bottoms, 1 sweatshirt), physical education uniform (shorts & shirt), deposit account, textbook rental and a language support device. A full year's tuition payment and any additional fees are required prior to issuance of an I-20 and enrolling in classes. Discounts for pre-payment, family discounts, on-time payment, or worthy student aid are not applicable. Tuition and fees charged to international students are non-refundable after the first ten days of school.

	App Fee*	Tuition & Fees	Homestay Management Fee	Homestay Fees	Total Due
				<i>(August-June)</i>	
TK-K	\$250	\$17,740	\$3,500	\$12,100	\$33,590
1st - 6th	\$250	18,010	\$3,500	\$12,100	33,860
7th - 8th	\$250	19,365	\$3,500	\$12,100	35,215
9th - 12th	\$250	22,230	\$3,500	\$12,100	38,080

APPLICATION FEE*

Application fee is non-refundable and non-transferrable

Due: July 1st	\$250
After July 1st	300
After August 1st	400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Each account is assessed a \$2,250 required deposit to cover extra items not included in the regular cost of tuition and other related fees. This amount is included in the Total Due listed under Tuition Rates. If the entire amount of the deposit account is not used by the end of the school year, any remaining funds will be reimbursed at the approval of LSA. A waiting period of 15 business days is required for all reimbursements.

HOMESTAY MANAGEMENT

La Sierra Academy provides homestay management for students who are not associated with a recruiter or agent. We provide consistent, compassionate and efficient services that contribute to the success of the student as a whole. The primary goal of LSA International Student Services Homestay Management is to develop and enhance the on-campus support services for international students in the following areas:

- Pre-arrival guidance and counseling and Post-arrival orientation
- Immigration
- Homestay life and housing
- Student events and activities
- Student associations
- Tutoring and mentoring
- Community involvement, volunteering, and cultural immersion programs
- Career and Professional development
- Alumni networks

LSA strives to provide every international student with a school experience that exceeds their expectations and fulfills their personal and professional growth. Our staff brings experience that will develop the whole student for the present and their future.



Student Recommendation Form

_____ is applying for admission to La Sierra Academy (7-12). Please complete this recommendation form as all applications require a completed recommendation form from the previous school. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Thank You.

In what capacity have you known this student? Principal Teacher Pastor

How long have you known this student? 1 - 2 years 3 - 4 years 5 or more

I am familiar with La Sierra Academy's Program: Not at All Somewhat Fairly Very Familiar

How would you rate this student in the following areas?

	EXCELLENT	AVERAGE	POOR	N/A
Academic Ability				
Study Habits				
Motivation				
Leadership Potential				
Effort & Perseverance				
Positive Influence				
Dependability				
Level of Maturity				
Personal Conduct				
Obedience to Regulations				

General Comments: (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, relationship with peers, etc.)

I recommend this student for admission to La Sierra Academy: Yes No Yes, with reservations

Your name: _____ Position: _____

Subject(s) you taught applicant: _____ Grade Received: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

SCHOOL PROFILE

2015-2016

About Us

La Sierra Academy is a TK-12 WASC accredited Seventh Day Adventist Christian School. The school has been a proud member of the Riverside Community since 1922, creating a legacy of excellence and service to the community.

Some facts about our school:

- TK-12 Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year is 608 students.
- Average class size is 25 students per classroom.
- Ethnicity: 27% Hispanic, 22% White, 20% Asian, 7% Black, 5% Mixed, 2% Pacific Islander, .04% Native American, 18% Other.
- Over \$160,000 in financial assistance will be awarded for the 2015-2016 school year.

Our Faculty and Staff

- 45 certificated teachers and administrators
 - 23 Master's Degree and 22 Bachelor's Degree
- 29 supporting staff

Academics

High School

- **College Preparatory Program:** high school classes meet the a-g requirements of the University of California
- 5 AP Classes: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Biology, AP World History, AP US History
- Diploma Tracks – Standard, College Prep, Honors Diploma
- Growing STEM program including Robotics, Television Broadcasting, Audio/Visual Training, Unmanned Aircraft, and Biotechnology.
- Dual credit available for classes taken at La Sierra University for Seniors and some Juniors
- SAT scores for class of 2015 students who attended La Sierra Academy 4 or more years:
 - LSA Average:* **Critical Reading – 542 Math – 529 Writing - 519**
 - State Average:* Critical Reading – 495 Math – 506 Writing – 491
 - National Average:* Critical Reading – 495 Math – 511 Writing - 484
- Study and organizational skills class for all 9th graders
- **2015 Iowa Assessment** Grade Equivalent Composite Results:
 - 9th Grade – 11.8 10th Grade – 13+ 11th Grade 13+

Junior High

- Honors Math available for 7th and 8th grade, including high school Algebra
- Study skills class for students needing extra support
- Band, choir, physical education, and art classes offered in addition to the core program of study
- **2015 Iowa Assessment** Grade Equivalent Composite Results:
 - 7th Grade – 7.6 8th Grade – 9.4

Elementary

- Band, choir, physical education, and computer class rotations in addition to the core program of study
- Robotics club
- Individualized pull-out reading and math support
- **2015 Iowa Assessment** Grade Equivalent Composite Results:
 - 3rd Grade – 3.3 4th Grade – 4.5 5th Grade – 5.4 6th Grade 6.2

Contact Us

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Our Campus

- Over 18 acres of land with 16 buildings
- Student Ministry Center
- 3 Computer labs
- 2 Libraries
- 1 Gymnasium
- 1 Auditorium
- 3 Outdoor fields

Clubs

- Green team
- Drama Club
- Elementary Lego Robotics
- Junior High Robotics and Coding - Sphero
- Running Club

Athletics

High School

- JV and Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Varsity Boy and Girls Cross Country
- JV and Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball
- Varsity Soccer Co-ed
- Varsity Boys and Girls track and field
- Varsity Baseball
- Varsity Softball

Junior High

- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Baseball and Softball
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Co-ed Soccer

Spiritual Life

- Thriving and supportive spiritual environment
- Weekly chapels for Elementary, Junior High, and High School
- Monthly Friday vespers programs for Junior High and High School
- Two weeks of spiritual emphasis on each campus each year
- School Chaplain serving students TK-12
- Leadership development through a variety of student led teams: spiritual life planning, praise, drama, and audio visual both in JH and HS.
- Spiritual retreats (JH and HS)
- Cross campus student mentoring
- Yearly mission trip opportunity
- Many opportunities to serve the local community

Post-Graduation Follow Up

- 94% of graduates attend college or university
- 82% of graduates attend a 4 year college or university
- Our recent graduates have been accepted into the following colleges and universities:
 - *La Sierra University*
 - *Pacific Union College*
 - *Walla Walla University*
 - *Andrews University*
 - *Southwestern University*
 - *Southern Adventist University*
 - *Oakwood University*
 - *Oxford University*
 - *Stanford University*
 - *California Baptist University*
 - *Azusa Pacific University*
 - *Cal Poly Pomona*
 - *Cal State Long Beach*
 - *UC Merced*
 - *UC Santa Cruz*
 - *UC Riverside*
 - *UC Los Angeles*
 - *UC Berkeley*
 - *University of North Dakota*
 - *Rutgers University*
 - *City University of New York: John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
 - *Humboldt State University*
 - *University of Washington, Seattle*
 - *Adventist Colleges Abroad*

As a Christian K-12 college preparatory school, we serve students from diverse backgrounds by providing learning opportunities and skills needed to contribute to society, prepare for life's work, and flourish spiritually.