



## BRENTWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Admissions Checklist for Secondary Non-U.S. Residents (Grade 6 – Grade 12)

Applicants who are non-U.S. citizens (with less than three years U.S. residency) are required to submit the following items to the Admissions Office of Brentwood Christian School prior to the interview with the principal:

- Completed online application and paid non-refundable \$125 application fee** – [www.brentwoodchristian.org](http://www.brentwoodchristian.org), choose Admissions from the menu at the top, and then Apply Online from the drop-down menu
- Transcripts** – official copy of the last two completed grade levels and year to date progress report for the current school year, translated into English
- English Proficiency Exam results** – this must be an official score report for one of the following tests: TOEFL Comprehensive, IELTS, or PTE Academic
- Completed admissions testing** -
  - ✓ Grades 6-8: MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) screening test offered on the BCS campus or via Zoom. There is a non-refundable fee of \$35 which can be paid.
  - ✓ Grades 9-12: ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam administered through the Educational Records Bureau) taken within the last year. Registration is done online through the ERB, the fee required for this testing can be paid online.
- Recommendation letters** – current principal, current teacher, and a minister or other character reference translated into English
- Copy of prior month bank statement** – for proof of financial responsibility required for the issuance of an I-20
- Copy of immunization records** – translated into English
- Completed Health Forms** – vision and hearing screenings are required as well
- Completed TAPPS Preparticipation Physical Evaluation / Medical History Form**
- Completed Brentwood Christian School Guardian Appointment Form**
- Copy of passport** – translated into English
- Completed Student Questionnaire**
- Recent student picture**
- Interview** – upon gathering all the required documents above, work with the Admissions Office to schedule an interview with the middle school or high school principal (Skype or Zoom interview for students outside of area)

***All Admissions requirements listed above will need to be completed and submitted within 45 days of the application date to maintain a spot in the class or waiting pool.***

***Proof of Insurance – For enrollment, all students must have and provide proof of and maintain primary health insurance.***

*An I-20 will be issued and sent express mail to the student once they have completed the above steps, met all the requirements, conducted their interview with the principal, received the official acceptance call from the Secondary Office, and paid the Annual Enrollment Fee. The fee to cover the express mail charge will be billed to the new student account.*

***To apply for the waiting pool, the only required step is to submit the application and pay the non-refundable \$125 application fee. Once a spot becomes available, the 45-day window will begin to complete the remaining admissions steps listed above.***

### **Additional information regarding the checklist:**

**Application** - Student must be the appropriate age for the grade in which they are making application. This is restricted to a two-year window for each grade level. To complete the online application, visit [www.brentwoodchristian.org](http://www.brentwoodchristian.org). Choose Admissions from the menu across the top of the page, then Apply Online from the drop-down menu. The \$125 non-refundable application fee can be paid by credit card online to submit the application.

\* Please note any completed admissions documents will either need to be uploaded into the application PRIOR to submission or they can be sent to Admissions via email at [admissions@brentwoodchristian.org](mailto:admissions@brentwoodchristian.org) or faxed directly to the Admissions Office at 512-835-2184 after the application has been completed.

**Transcripts** – Official copies of the last two completed grade levels and the current grade level to date. If the student has attended a US school in the last three years, a Request for Records Form can be provided to help facilitate having the official US records sent. The international transcripts are to be translated into English and accompanied by a Certificate of Licensed Translation. The number grades should be recorded as letter grades as well; example: 96=A. No grade below 75 in a core class or 70 in any class will be accepted.

**English Proficiency Test** - All applicants must be proficient with the English language. We do not offer any ESL classes. Applicants must complete an English proficiency test if he/she has been a U.S. resident for less than three years. Exam options include: TOEFL (comprehensive) (Test of English as a Foreign Language) [www.ets.org/toefl/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English) <https://pearsonpte.com/>. Please make arrangements with the testing facility to have the results sent directly to Brentwood.

**Admissions Testing** – is required for all applicants. Students applying for grades 6-8 will take the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) screening test offered on the BCS campus that covers reading and math and is arranged through the Admissions Office. This assessment is self-paced and takes an average of 30 to 45 minutes to complete. There is a non-refundable testing fee of \$35 (credit card paid online, cash, or check made payable to BCS) due by the time of testing.

Students applying for grades 9-12 will take the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam) through the Educational Records Bureau. More information can be found at [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org) or by calling 1-800-446-0320. This assessment is a timed test and takes three hours to complete. Please enter Brentwood's code, **440318**, when registering on-line or by mail. If Brentwood's code is submitted by the applicant when registering for the test, the results will be sent directly to the school.

**Recommendation letters** – Please provide a current principal, current teacher, and a minister or other character reference letter translated into English. If you prefer, you can complete the Recommendation Information Sheet with contact names and emails instead and submit to the Admissions Office so the referrals can be contacted.

**Proof of Insurance** - All students must have and provide proof of and maintain primary health insurance.

**Copy of prior month bank statement** – for proof of financial responsibility required for the issuance of an 1-20. A minimum bank balance of *approximately \$30,000 USD* is needed to show proof of ability to cover the tuition and living expenses.

**Immunization Records** – This will allow our school nurse to review the records to ensure the student’s file is up to date.

**Health Examination Form** - A complete medical checkup is required of all new students. Doctors can complete the Health Exam form for a recently completed exam. Vision and Hearing Screenings are required, girls coming in after 5th grade need a scoliosis screening, and boys coming in after 8th grade need the screening as well. Doctors can complete the Health Exam Form for an exam conducted in the last 12 months. A copy of the immunization records will need to accompany the Health Examination Form, translated into English.

Please review and complete any of the additional forms that might pertain to your child:

- Protocol: Students with Chronic or Severe Health Concerns
- Health History/Instructions for Health Needs Form
- Medication Permission Form

**TAPPS Preparticipation Physical Evaluation / Medical History** –This form can be completed by the physician at the same time the Health Examination Form is being completed during the medical checkup

**Letter of Guardianship** must be provided to the school. The Brentwood Christian School Guardian Appointment Form must be completed. Please be aware that Brentwood Christian School does not arrange for guardianship or host families.

- Guardianship is the sole responsibility of the applicant
- A guardian (age 23+) must be appointed who will provide the following guardianship responsibilities:
  - Documentation must be provided by student showing proof of guardianship
  - Student must live with guardian while attending Brentwood Christian School
  - Guardian will be responsible for student being at school every day on time
  - Guardian will be responsible for working with Brentwood Christian School should any problems arise and will accept responsibility for any emergencies, etc.

**Recent student picture** – Please submit a recent photo of the student applying for admissions. This picture will be added to the student file to help the Administration to learn faces and names more quickly.

**Student Questionnaire** – Students are asked to complete some questions to allow us to learn more about their activities and special interests, as well as why they would like to attend Brentwood Christian School.

**For international students transferring in from another school in the US: TAPPS Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF)** – must be completed and signed regardless of the intention to compete in athletic and academic competitions. This form is required for grade 10 – 12 students already enrolled in another US high school and transferring to BCS or for grade 9 students who have already started at another US high school. This form is not required for new freshman students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**A personal interview** with the principal is required at Brentwood Christian School. The host family or guardian must attend the interview as well if the student is in the States. When the student is currently overseas, we allow a Skype or Zoom interview to take place.

**Acceptance** – Typically an applicant will be notified of their acceptance into Brentwood Christian School within one week of completing the admissions process. Upon acceptance the following will be due (see Admissions Timeline and Deadlines below for timeframe):

- The Contract for Student Enrollment must be submitted to the Finance Office.
- An online enrollment packet will need to be completed along with online payment of the Annual Enrollment Fee. The online enrollment packet will include the Field Trip Permission, Photo Release, proof of insurance, Handbook Agreement, etc. This link will be emailed to you.
- Full tuition will need to be made to the Finance Office by June 1 or within five days of acceptance, whichever is later. See sample contract for details.

**Admissions Timeline and Deadlines** – Meeting required checkpoints will maintain priority placement and your student's spot in the class.

1. Submission of online application and associated application fee assigns placement in the class or waiting pool as applicable.
2. To maintain the student's spot, all admissions paperwork and supplementary application forms must be submitted within 45 days of the application date or date of notification that a spot has now become available for those in a waiting pool.
3. Upon acceptance, Contract and Online Enrollment and Fee must be complete by March 15 or within five days of acceptance, whichever is later and are required prior to the issuance of the Form 1-20. The enrollment fee is non-refundable except in the case of a denied VISA, in which case 90% of the fee is refundable.\*
4. Payment of tuition in full is required by June 1 or within five days of acceptance, whichever is later.\* Tuition is non-refundable except in the case of a denied VISA.

\*See Sample Contract for more details and payment terms.

**Extended Day Form** – If a child will need before or after school care, the following link <http://www.brentwoodchristian.org/extended-day> can be used to complete the form to enroll your child(ren). Enrollment for the new school year will become available in August just before school begins.