



**WESTERN**  
**MENNONITE SCHOOL**



**2011-2012**  
**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**



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## International Program

Western Mennonite School's International Program was created to fulfill our desire to be a global community. Over the past 64 years Western has hosted students from 38 different countries. International students represent approximately 12% of our high school student body.

The International Program at Western Mennonite School prepares students for American universities through an exceptional academic program. Also, Western provides English skills development, integration with American students, and moral character development from a Christian faith perspective.

### Location

Western's location offers a variety of opportunities for international students. Our campus is located in a rural setting just outside Oregon's capital city. Located only an hour from the Pacific Ocean, the Cascade Mountain Range, and Portland, students are able to experience the variety of historic, cultural, and scenic opportunities offered only in the Pacific Northwest.



### Dorm

Western's dorm is a safe environment that nurtures relationships and develops independent living skills. With a 5:1 student/staff ratio, each student receives personal attention and care. The dorm is a structured family atmosphere that has supervised study time each week-day. It also encourages social interaction among dorm students through social activities and weekend outings such as bowling, attending sporting events, hiking at Silver Creek Falls, trips to the beach, and shopping in Portland.

### Hospitality Homes

International students at Western benefit from the social interaction in our dorm program, and also have the opportunity to learn about American family culture and traditions through Hospitality Homes. Up to eight weekends a year students spend time in the home of a local family.

### Tutoring

As part of preparing students for a successful university experience, Western provides private tutors at an additional cost. Tutoring may be required full-time or part-time, depending on English proficiency and grades.



## High School Program

Western Mennonite School equips students for a life of faith and learning by providing an educational experience centered around five key distinctions: Christ-centeredness, academic excellence, a nurturing community, peace and service, and enrichment opportunities.

### At a Glance:

- Established in 1945
- 250 Students enrolled in Middle School and High School in 2010-2011
- 16:1 Student/Teacher ratio
- 19 International students from seven countries in 2010-2011

### Christ-Centered

At Western we teach the Bible as the inspired Word of God, upholding an Anabaptist interpretation. For more information go to [www.westernmennoniteschool.org/spiritual-life](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org/spiritual-life). We encourage, mentor, and disciple students to develop a personal relationship with Christ, recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit in daily life. We invite students to examine the centrality of Christ's teaching in all aspects of life, and we model and teach the way of Christ in dealing with life issues, conflict, and reconciliation. Bible classes are a part of graduation requirements at Western.

### Chapel Programs & Small Groups –

Two days a week the students are challenged and their lives enriched as a community of believers in Christ through their attendance in chapel. Weekly small group meetings build a strong support group for students. Chapel attendance and small group participation are required.

### Dorm –

Dorm students and staff are invited to gather once a week for Dorm Fellowship to help build relationships among dorm students and promote character growth. Weekend and evening trips are planned to enhance cultural experiences and facilitate community. Mentoring groups, guided by dorm staff, are developed to enrich relationships.

### Academic Excellence

#### University Preparation –

Western offers a program which includes college credit and/or advanced level classes to prepare students for university admission. Our program also includes SLEP/TOEFL/SAT testing; advanced courses in math, English, Spanish, science, and psychology; university admissions and scholarship application assistance; and university campus visits and tours.

Over 85% of graduates continue their education attending universities and an average of 9% commit to missions/service before attending a university.

Western students have attended universities such as:

American University  
Anderson University  
Arizona State University  
Bethel College  
Biola University  
Boston University  
Corban College  
Cornell University  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical  
University  
George Fox University

Goshen College  
Gordon University  
Indiana University  
LeTourneau University  
Linfield College  
Masters College  
Michigan State University  
Montana State University  
Musicians Institute  
Northwest University  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Oral Roberts University

Oregon State University  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
Seattle Art Institute  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
Simpson College  
Taylor University  
University of Alberta  
University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Warner Pacific College  
Villanova University  
Washington College  
Western New England College  
Western Oregon University  
Whitman College  
Willamette University





### *Technology –*

Western has consistently upgraded technology to ensure students have current education tools. We have an estimated 150 computers on campus. We also offer high-speed filtered Internet connection and wireless access. Western has a full-time Information Technology Director and a variety of computer classes.

### *Accreditation & Memberships –*

Western is fully accredited and meets the academic requirements of:

- The Northwest Accreditation Commission
- The Oregon Department of Education criteria for private schools
- The Mennonite Education Agency

Western holds membership in the following organizations:

- Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) – Association of over 40 Mennonite schools throughout Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States
- Oregon Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)
- Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC)

### **Nurturing Community**

Western's community is an important part of student success. It starts with our desire to form relationships of accountability and respect among students, faculty, and staff. We encourage students to develop a Christian life of gratitude, service, peacemaking, justice, and stewardship. We also challenge students to actively participate within the school, the church, and in the local and global community.

### **Peace & Service**

At Western we teach and model an active, purposeful, and compassionate lifestyle of concern and justice for all people. To do this we provide experiences for students to lead, serve, and share their faith journey within the school, the church, and in the local and global community. We also promote the awareness and understanding of God's creation by focusing on the care and stewardship of the earth.

### *Mini-Term -*

Western high school students participate in Mini-Term, a week-long service-learning experience outside the classroom. Through mini-terms, students have traveled to over 13 different states and to 11 different countries. Experiences include a service project and may include exploring areas such as marine biology, rock climbing, drama, computers, wilderness survival, and world travel.

### *Small Group Service Afternoons -*

During the school year, Western's high school and middle school small groups spend time in the community volunteering for people in need or at local non-profits and businesses.



## Enrichment Opportunities

Students at Western have the opportunity to participate in music, drama, or sports. Other extracurricular activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, and school-sponsored clubs such as the International Club, Book Club, and Worship Team.

### *Music Program -*

Western offers opportunities to participate in choir, band, and worship. In the last eight years, Western's A cappella Choir has been one of the top three 2A choirs in Oregon, finishing first in each of the last three years in state competition.

Also, the choirs travel each year to a national or regional music festival where they sing with students from up to 14 different schools around the country. Tours include trips to places such as California, Idaho, Washington, and Canada.

### *Drama Program -*

Western offers a drama program that features a fall drama and a spring musical.

### *Sports Program -*

Western offers a competitive sports program to all students:

- Girls' Sports: cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball
- Boys' Sports: cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball
- We are members of the 2A Tri-River Conference and a part of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).
- Western's teams consistently compete for league titles and advance to the state playoffs.





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## Western's Campus

Western's 45 wooded-acre campus provides a beautiful backdrop for many opportunities, both academic and spiritual. New buildings and fields, such as our 12,500 square-foot Academic Center and softball/soccer field, show Western's commitment to meeting the academic and social needs of our students.

## Mission & Goals

*"Equipping students for a life of faith and learning"*

Western Mennonite School equips students for a life of faith and learning by providing an educational experience highlighted by five key distinctions: Christ-centered, academic excellence, nurturing community, peace and service, and enrichment opportunities.

### Faith and Learning Goals of WMS:

#### *Christ-Centered*

- Teach the Bible as the inspired word of God, upholding an Anabaptist interpretation
- Encourage, mentor, and disciple students to develop a personal relationship with Christ, recognizing the presence of the Spirit in daily life
- Invite students to examine the centrality of Christ's teaching in all aspects of life
- Model and teach the way of Christ in dealing with life issues, conflicts, and reconciliation

#### *Academic Excellence*

- Prepare for a lifetime of learning by challenging students to develop analytical and critical thinking skills
- Commit to help each student reach individual academic goals through offering modifications and individual help as needed
- Offer a broad program of college/university preparatory, technological, practical arts, and fine arts courses
- Promote the value and contributions of all peoples and cultures

#### *Nurturing Community*

- Provide a holistic education focusing on the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical development and wellness of each student
- Honor a diverse school community by actively pursuing an anti-racist identity
- Promote and mentor students in developing a Christian life of gratitude, service, peacemaking, justice, and stewardship
- Encourage active participation within the school, church, and global community by helping students to form relationships of accountability and respect

#### *Peace and Service*

- Provide experiences for students to lead, serve, and share their faith journey within the school, church, and global community
- Teach and model an active, purposeful lifestyle of concern and justice for all people
- Promote an awareness and understanding of God's creation by focusing on the care and stewardship of the earth
- Assist students to identify and develop personal spiritual gifts and abilities

#### *Enrichment Opportunities*

- Provide various experiences for students to develop gifts and interests in athletics, art, drama, and music
  - Offer off-campus educational and exploratory experiences
  - Encourage development of life-long relationships among students and faculty/staff through worship, weekly small groups, and dorm life experiences
  - Establish connections to broader church institutions and agencies
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## Graduation Requirements

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Honors (College Prep)</u>	<u>Advanced Courses**</u>			
English	4 credits	English	4 credits*	Advanced English III	1 credit
Math (Algebra I or higher)	3 credits	Math (must include Algebra II)	3 credits*	Advanced English IV / Novel	1 credit
Lab Science	3 credits	Lab Science	3 credits*	Pre-Calculus	1 credit
Social Science	3 credits	Social Science	3 credits*	Calculus	1 credit
Bible	4 credits	Bible	4 credits	Chemistry	1 credit
PE/Health	2 credits	PE/Health	2 credits	Physics	1 credit
Career Education	.5 credit	Career Education	.5 credits	Anatomy/Physiology	1 credit
Electives	1.5 credits	Electives (1 must be core)	1.5 credit *	Psychology	.5 credit
Mini-term	1 credit	Mini-Term	1 credit	Sociology	.5 credit
Fine/Applied Arts/Language	3 credits	Fine/Applied Arts	1 credit	Spanish III	1 credit
		Global Language	2 credits*	Spanish IV	1 credit

*Total = 25 credits (13 core)*

*Total = 25 credits (16 core)*

*Total = at least 5 credits*

Notice: Bible and Mini-Term requirements may be modified for transfer students. Transfer students may need additional elective credits to meet graduation requirements.

\* To graduate with **honors**, students must complete all required courses on the “honors” list with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; all 16 core classes must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

\*\* To graduate with **high honors** or be eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian, students must complete all required courses on the “honors” list with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, including at least 5 credits of Advanced Courses from the “Advanced Courses” list.





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## High School Course Offerings

### Bible

Introduction to Christianity (ESL Bible)  
New Testament  
Old Testament  
Life of the Church  
Mennonite Faith  
Christian Life & Stewardship  
Media & Faith Issues  
Faith Journey  
I Corinthians  
Sermon on the Mount  
Gospel of Luke  
Gospel of John

### Business

Career Education  
Accounting I, II, & III  
Business Law

### Computer

Keyboarding I & II  
Computer Programming  
Independent Computer Studies  
Web Design  
Microsoft Office  
Auto CAD

### English

English I, II, III, and IV  
Novel  
Dramatic Literature  
Speech & Oral Interpretation  
\* Advanced English III  
\* Advanced English IV  
\* Advanced Novel

### Fine/Applied Arts

Concert Choir  
A cappella Choir  
Western Singers  
Band  
Drama  
Art & Ceramics

### Fine/Applied Arts continued...

Digital Photography  
Videography  
Yearbook  
Living Skills  
Woodworking

### Math

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Descriptive Geometry  
Bridge to Algebra II  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
\* Pre-Calculus (College Credit  
Algebra/Trigonometry)  
\* Calculus (College Credit Calculus)

### Physical Education

Health I & II  
Basic PE  
Advanced PE & Conditioning  
Sports Specific PE

### Science

Introduction to Physical Science  
General Biology  
Environmental Science  
\* Chemistry  
\* Physics  
\* Human Anatomy & Physiology

### Social Studies

Economics  
American Government  
U.S. History  
Global Geography  
Global Citizenship  
\* Psychology

### World Language

Spanish I, II, III\*, & IV\*

\* Advanced courses

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## 2011-2012 Estimated International Student Expenses

### REQUIRED EXPENSES

<b>Tuition/Fees (cost per year):</b>	\$ 22,925*
Application Fee	
Tuition	
7-day dorm	
Meals	
U.S. Medical Insurance	
Deposit/Registration	
Materials fees <i>(included except for college credit classes)</i>	
Transportation <i>(included for all local group activities)</i>	
SLEP testing	
PSAT testing	
<b>Travel Expenses:</b>	vary with individual student travel plans
Christmas	
Summer Breaks	
<b>Academic:</b>	
Tutoring (cost per semester for full time)**	\$ 2,500
Class dues (cost per year)	\$ 20-80
Mini-Term***	\$10-1,800

### OPTIONAL EXPENSES

<b>SAT/ACT testing (cost per year):</b>	\$ 45-100
<b>TOEFL testing (cost per year)</b>	\$ 170
<b>Participation Fees (subject to change):</b>	
Yearbook (cost per year)	\$ 60
Spring Choir Tour (cost per year)	\$ 150
MSC Music Festival	\$ 200
Drama Club (cost per semester)	\$ 50
Sports (per sport season)	\$ 120
<b>Pocket Money (per month):</b>	\$ 100-200

#### Payment Schedule:

First semester expenses, which include Tuition/Fees, TOEFL testing fee and tutoring fees, are due before the first day of classes. Second semester expenses, which include Tuition/Fees, class dues, tutoring fees and optional expenses, are due before the first day of 2nd semester classes. The last billing in Spring (April) includes Mini-Term fees and optional expenses. All accounts must be paid in full by the last day of school.

\* \$11,462.50 per semester

\*\* Required full time or part time depending upon English proficiency and grades

\*\*\* Cost depends upon student/parent choice

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## Admissions

### **AEEA**

AEEA, The American Education and Exchange Association, assists international families in the admissions and VISA process while also aiding in communication with the school to ensure that students arrive safely and are successful at Western Mennonite School.

The English Language and Culture Institute (ELCI) is a partner with AEEA and Western Mennonite School to provide students from around the world with the highest quality English language education while supporting their journey to become world leaders and global citizens.

### **Admissions**

Admission to Western Mennonite School is granted on the basis of recommendations, academic ability, English proficiency, and openness to studying in a Christian school.

#### Process for Admissions

1. Application and Interview
  - Contact AEEA for help with completing your application, SLEP testing, and transcript translation. AEEA will also interview each student as a part of the admissions process.
  - Submit completed application to the Admissions Director at Western Mennonite School.
2. Acceptance
  - You will receive a response letter approximately two weeks after Western receives your complete application. If accepted, this letter will include wire information and important enrollment documents for you to complete registration at Western.
  - Western requires a \$2,000 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot.
  - Once the deposit is received, an I-20 will be issued.
3. Enrollment Contract
  - Tuition payment and enrollment documents are required before students can begin classes.
4. Arrival/Orientation
  - Student arrival & orientation (*September 1*)
    - Plan flight to arrive in Portland, Oregon, in the morning or early afternoon of September 1. SLEP testing will take place on September 2 to determine tutoring needs. We provide transportation to the school.
  - Classes begin (*September 6*)

#### **Contact Information:**

##### AEEA

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# Campus Map



## 1 - Administration Building

Classrooms  
Administration & Student Services Offices  
Business & Advancement Offices  
Student Center

## 2 - Chapel

Chapel  
Classrooms  
Stage & Choir Room

## 3 - Boys' Dorm

## 4 - Girls' Dorm

## 5 - Middle School Classrooms

## 6 - Practice Gym

## 7 - Gymnasium

Main Gym  
Weight Room  
Courtside Cafe

## 8 - Shop/Middle School Classroom

## 9 - Facilities Office/MS Classroom/ Band Room

## 10 - Middle School Classroom

## 11 - Heritage Hall

Classrooms  
Cafeteria

## 12 - Academic/Media Center

Library  
Computer Lab  
Guidance Counselor Office  
Tutor & Work Study Rooms



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