



**WESTERN
MENNONITE SCHOOL**



**2012-2013
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**





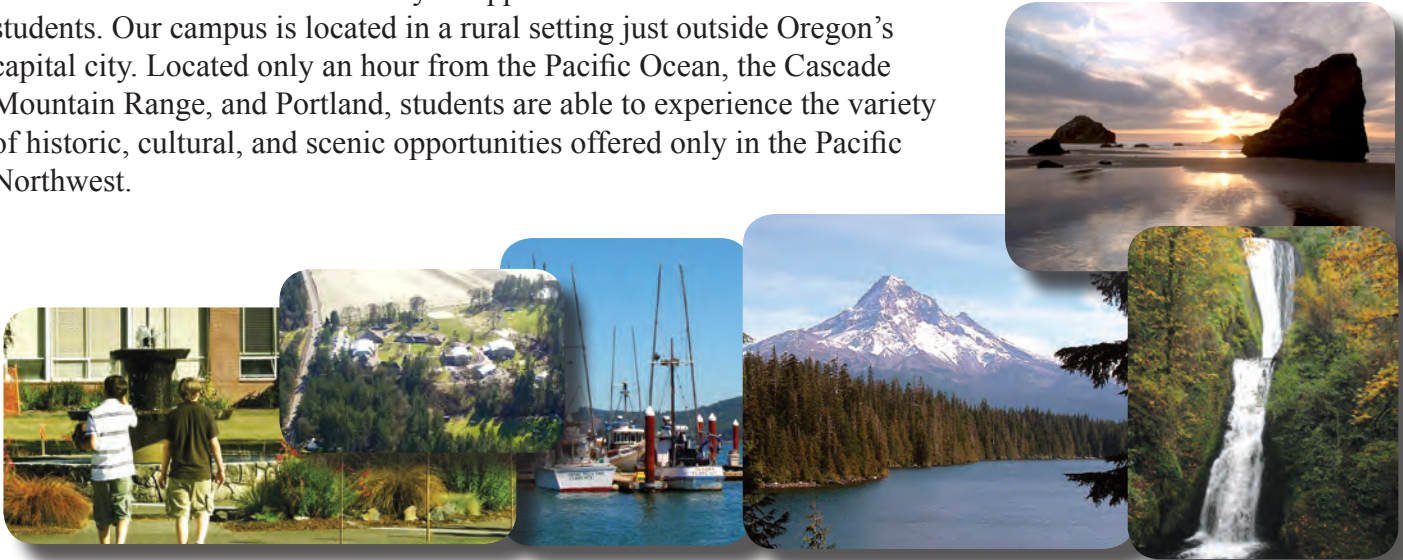
International Program

Western Mennonite School's International Program was created to fulfill our desire to be a global community. Over the past 65 years Western has hosted students from 38 different countries. International students represent approximately 14% 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, 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. Two 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 a Learning Center to help with homework assistance and one-on-one attention to achieve academic success.



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
- 231 Students enrolled in Middle School and High School in 2011-2012
- 15:1 Student/Teacher ratio
- 23 International students from seven countries in 2011-2012

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. 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
Grand Canyon University
Hesston College
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
Syracuse University
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 its technology to ensure students have current educational tools. We have over 150 computers that offer a 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

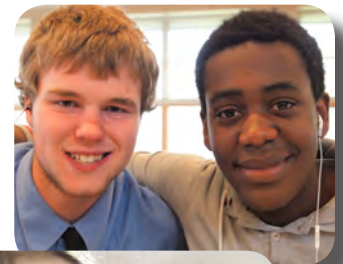
At Western we teach and model an active, purposeful, and compassionate lifestyle of concern and justice for all people. To do this we provide experiences for students to lead, serve, and share their faith journey within the school, the church, and in the local and global community. We also promote the 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 can include activities such as marine biology, cooking, bicycling, 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 city parks.



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's music program includes choir, band, and worship. In the last nine years, Western's A cappella Choir has finished in the top three at the 2A choir state championship, finishing first in 3 of the last 4 years.

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.





Western's Campus

Western's 45 wooded-acre campus provides a beautiful backdrop for many experiences and opportunities. 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* High Honors**</u> <i>(College Prep)</i>	
English	4 credits	English	4 credits
Math (Algebra I or higher)	3 credits	Math (must include Algebra II)	3 credits
Lab Science	3 credits	Lab Science	3 credits
Social Science	3 credits	Social Science	3 credits
Bible	4 credits	Bible	4 credits
PE/Health	2 credits	PE/Health	2 credits
Career Education	.5 credit	Career Education	.5 credits
Electives	1.5 credits	Electives (1 must be core)	1.5 credit
Mini-term	1 credit	Mini-Term	1 credit
Fine/Applied Arts/Language	3 credits	Fine/Applied Arts	1 credit
		Global Language	2 credits

Total = 25 credits (13 core)

Total = 25 credits (16 core)

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

* To graduate with **honors**, students must complete all required courses on the “honors” list with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; 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 Core Courses.





High School Course Offerings

Bible

Introduction to Christianity (ESL Bible)
New Testament
Old Testament
Church History
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
Marketing

Computer

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

English

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

Fine/Applied Arts

Concert Choir
A cappella Choir
Western Singers
Jazz Band
Drama
Art

Fine/Applied Arts continued...

Digital Photography
Yearbook
Living Skills
Ceramics
Woodworking

Math

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

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
** Advanced Global Citizenship

World Language

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

** Advanced courses

2012-2013 Estimated International Student Expenses

INCLUDED EXPENSES

Tuition Expenses (cost per year):	\$ 30,000*
Application Fee	
Registration Deposit	
Tuition	
Room & Board	
Dorm Activities	
U.S. Medical Insurance	
Materials fees <i>(included except for college credit classes)</i>	
Transportation <i>(included for all local group activities & airport trips on travel days)</i>	
Yearbook, Music, Drama, Sports	
SLEP Testing	
PSAT Testing	
Class Dues	
Mini-Term	
Travel/Lodging Expenses: vary with individual student travel plans	
Christmas	<i>(During these breaks WMS will</i>
Spring Break	<i>closed and no student allowed</i>
Summer Breaks	<i>on campus.)</i>

NOT INCLUDED EXPENSES (OPTIONAL)

SAT/ACT Testing (cost per year):	\$ 45-100
TOEFL Testing (cost per year)	\$ 170
Pocket Money (per month):	\$ 100-200

Payment Schedule:

First semester expenses are due before the first day of classes. Second semester expenses are due before the first day of 2nd semester classes. The last billing in Spring (April) includes fees for any optional expenses. All accounts must be paid in full by the last day of school.

* \$15,000 per semester, due before the 1st day of each semester. A \$2,000 late charge will be added to expenses each semester if paid after the 1st day of each semester.



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 2*)
 - 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:

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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 - Middle School Classrooms

7 - Sports Pavilion (Practice Gym)

8 - Gymnasium

Main Gym
Weight Room
Courtside Cafe

9 - Shop/Middle School Classroom

10 - Facilities Office/MS Classroom/ Band Room

11 - Bible/ESL Classroom

12 - Heritage Hall

Apartments
Cafeteria

13 - Academic/Media Center

Library
Computer Lab
Guidance Counselor Office
Tutor & Work Study Rooms



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