

International Middle Student Application Form

* IMPORTANT

Please attach a recent head and shoulders photo and/or attach a page of photos to this application



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School Website: www.meisoc.com or International Website: www.meienglishincanada.ca

NOTE: THIS ENTIRE FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S PARENTS – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE OF THIS APPLICATION: M: _____ / D: _____ / Y: _____

GRADE APPLYING FOR _____

PERSONAL

STUDENT

Student's first name _____ Sex: Male Female
Student's family name _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Yr _____
Student's English name (if any) _____ Church attended by student/family _____
Place of Birth: City _____ Country _____

HOME ADDRESS

Street _____ City _____
Province/State/Prefecture _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)

Father's first name _____ Father's last name _____
Father's occupation _____ Place of business _____ Phone _____
Mother's first name _____ Mother's last name _____
Mother's occupation _____ Place of business _____ Phone _____

STUDENT WILL RESIDE WITH: Father & Mother Father* Mother* Legal Guardian*
(AT SAME RESIDENCE)

**The office requires a copy of any custodial agreements in effect. In absence of information, both parents will have equal access to the student and student's records*

HOME ADDRESS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Street _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Tel (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ Home email _____
Mother's cell (____) _____ Mother's email _____
Father's cell (____) _____ Father's email _____

In case of emergency, if a parent cannot be reached, call:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____
Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

CITIZENSHIP

Passport issuing country _____ Student's name as it appears on passport _____
 Parent(s) are landed immigrant(s) Are you planning to immigrate to Canada? Yes No

FAMILY

Do you have any brothers or sisters? Yes No (If yes, use back of sheet if more space is needed)

Sibling's name _____ Age ____ M F Lives at home Lives in _____
(city and/or country)

Sibling's name _____ Age ____ M F Lives at home Lives in _____
(city and/or country)

Sibling's name _____ Age ____ M F Lives at home Lives in _____
(city and/or country)

INTERESTS and ACTIVITIES

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBE YOU?

- Athletic Artistic Musical Academic Social
- Are you? Reserved Outgoing Calm/quiet Energetic/active

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?

- With friends Alone With family

WHAT ARE YOUR SPORTS/HOBBIES/INTERESTS? (check all that apply)

- Basketball Baseball Football Volleyball Hockey
- Badminton Soccer Swimming Golf Ski/Snowboard
- Martial Arts Horseback riding Running/Jogging Track events Tennis
- Dance Painting/Drawing Cooking Sewing Music
- Acting/Singing Computers Video games Camping Reading

DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONALITY (check all that apply)

- Shy Outgoing Organized Messy Quiet
- Like to talk Like to be active Like to study Friendly Tend to Worry
- Good listener Happy Leader Helpful Have a temper
- Other _____

FOOD (check all that apply)

- Enjoy eating Eat large amounts Eat small amounts Prefer big lunch Prefer small lunch
- Like new foods Like to snack Like candy I'm a vegetarian I'm a vegan
- Diet concerns (be specific) _____ Other _____

Do you have any food allergies? Yes No If yes, what are they? _____

Describe favourite foods: _____

Describe least favourite foods: _____

MISCELLANEOUS

Do you have any pets? Yes No If yes, Dog Cat Other _____

Do you play a musical instrument? Yes No If yes, what kind _____

Are you hoping to join the Music Program at MEI? Yes No

If yes, what is your interest? Band Choir

Rate your ability to play your instrument? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(lowest) (highest)

Rate your ability to sing? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(lowest) (highest)

****FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS ONLY:****

CUSTODIAN (GUARDIAN)

Immigration Canada requires that each student have a Custodian (Guardian) in the community. We are willing to accept this responsibility should you wish. Please indicate your preference below:

- YES, I want the MEI International Program to be the Custodian for my child. Fee = \$375/year (minimum \$175 for shorter terms of stay)
- NO, I have arranged for an adult Custodian in Abbotsford (other than the host family) as follows:

Last name _____ First name _____ Relationship _____

Street _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Tel (____) _____ Work Tel (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ Email _____

****IMPORTANT****

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students are required to live with one or both of their parents. When you and your child have found a place to live please contact MEI right away so we can put you on the school mailing list.

Homestay arrangements will be made by M.E.I. upon receipt of the registration fee for **Middle School Grade 8 Students only**. Please list any comments or concerns below.

EDUCATIONAL

All applicants are required to submit a copy of their last two school reports.

WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAM ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

6 months 1 year Diploma Program Other: _____

SCHOOL

Full name of student's present school _____ Public Private

Street _____ City _____ Phone _____

Province/State/Prefecture _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Full name of last school attended in B.C. _____ Public Private

Does the student have any academic difficulties? If so, please provide details

Has the student had any overseas experience? If so, please provide details

Does the student have any experience with English outside of school studies? Please provide details

Is there an intention to have the student study in after-school classes that are not provided by MEI? Yes No

If yes, how often? once/week twice/week three days/week weekdays & Saturday

As parents, why do you want your child to attend MEI?

The MEI Schools Administration and Board reserve the right to immediately withdraw a student from the program and arrange for an early return home, with no liability to the MEI International Program authorities or to the host family, for any of the following reasons:

- Withholding information and/or failure to tell the truth on the application form or during an interview
- Failure to disclose any past or present medical treatment for physical or psychological conditions or disorders
- Use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol
- Unauthorized absence from school; unwillingness to be attentive during classes and to do the work assigned
- Failure to accept the authority of the school and school officials
- Failure to comply with the house rules of the host family
- Driving a motorized vehicle without authorization AND/OR hitch-hiking
- Undertaking independent travel that is not with the school or the host family
- Breaking the laws of Canada, including without limitation, shoplifting
- Receiving, creating or distributing information which is unlawful including but not limited to materials or images which are racist, pornographic, dangerous, obscene or inconsistent with the values of the school or host family
- Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct

With my signature below, I certify that I understand and agree with the reasons for removal from the program, and have answered the above questions honestly and completely and have not held back information the Admissions Department should know.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Code of Conduct

At M.E.I. we seek through word and action to create an environment of trust and mutual support in which each member of our community can grow. There is an emphasis on the need to be sensitive to those we come in contact with so that each student can realize their individual, God-given potential. As a staff we are committed to the on-going educational process of developing unique persons in a Christ-centered environment where faith is translated into action.

We all must learn to work individually and with others. Mutual respect, cooperation and sharing are important values in any social experience. The ability to work with and for others is an important part of the learning process. In all we do, there must be respect for God and His word, self, others, property and authority. Any overt behaviour which would demonstrate a lack of respect, e.g., cruel teasing, bullying, discourtesy, blasphemous language or vulgarity, stealing, etc., will be dealt with so that the well-being and security of everyone in the school is ensured. In efforts to create community within the International Program, there are times where extra-curricular activities and/or events are planned for which each student is expected to participate.

Generally speaking, no attempt is made on the part of the school to supervise or control the out-of-school lives of its students. This does not mean, however, that it is not important for all students to live consistent Christian lives wherever they are. Those students who make lifestyle choices not consistent with MEI standards, will force the school to take action.

Involvement with alcohol and illegal drugs are serious offences and all students are placed under a strict obligation to refrain from such use at all times and in all places. A breach of this guideline will normally result in disciplinary action ranging from a minimum 90-day suspension to expulsion.

To be signed by the student and parent for Middle School applicants.

I, _____ am aware of the school's code of conduct and agree to abide by it and to support it to the best of my ability.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
(indicating I have read the above)

Date



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

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STUDENTS' NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
Month Day Year

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (please list 2 local people other than parents)

1. _____ Phone: _____
2. _____ Phone: _____

* Please note that all Middle School parents are required to arrange medical insurance for all members of the family, and the office MUST receive proof of medical insurance before the student can begin classes.

** For Grade 8 students who are staying with a MEI host family, MEI will arrange medical insurance through their provider but only at the request of the student's parents.

BC Medical Plan Number: _____
OR

Private Insurance Company Name: _____

Private Insurance Number: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Does the student have any medical problem of which we should be aware of? i.e., heart condition, diabetes, asthma, allergies, etc. _____

In cases of asthma, epilepsy, etc, please give date of last attack: _____

Please fill in dates of all past immunizations, including those given by the doctor.

DPT

(Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus)

POLIO

1.	1.	Hemophilus Influenza B
2.	2.	Rubella
3.	3.	Measles (Rubella)
4.	4.	Mumps
Booster <i>(due at school entry)</i>	Booster <i>(due at school entry)</i>	or MMR

You may have to contact your physician for a record if you do not have a copy of immunizations he/she has given your child. Please keep the health unit and MEI informed of any additional immunizations done after providing this record.

The school's public health nurse would be pleased to discuss the student's immunization or any other health concern.

Is the student currently taking any medication on a regular basis? Yes No

Please provide the name(s) of the medication: _____

Will the student need to take this medication while at school? Yes No



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Refund Policy

An International Student is a person who is not a Canadian Citizen or a landed immigrant. Where MEI enters into a contract with an international student the following refund policy is applicable.

All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the International Education Program at MEI schools. Refunds must include the original Letter of Acceptance issued by the International Program as well as relevant supporting documentation (e.g. letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada).

100% Refund (refunds do not include the registration fee)

A 100% refund will be given if Canadian Immigration does not approve a student Study Permit. To obtain a refund, written requests should be received within six months of the date of refusal. Requests must include the formal letter of refusal from Canadian Immigration and the original Letter of Acceptance issued by the MEI International Program.

66% Refund

A 66% refund will be given when a student withdraws or becomes a landed immigrant or permanent resident prior to the commencement of the program.

50% Refund

A 50% refund will be given when a student withdraws after commencement of the program but before 30 calendar days have elapsed.

NO REFUND will be granted to a:

- student who becomes a landed immigrant after commencement of the program;
- student who withdraws from the program 30 days after the commencement date;
- student who is dismissed from the program due to any of the reasons specified in this application, or breach of the Code of Conduct, or breach of the law, policy or regulation as determined by the Government of Canada, the Police, MEI Board, and/or the International Program.

All international students are required to have medical coverage as a condition of their acceptance in the International Program. All international students and accompanying parents must report with their passport, study permit, latest report card/academic record and proof of medical insurance to the International Program office upon arrival in the MEI schools. Private Medical Insurance can be purchased through the International Program.

Currently enrolled students:

Due to the high enrollment at the MEI Middle school, returning students must pay a \$1000 non-refundable deposit by January 15 in order to secure a placement for September. This deposit will be directly applied to the tuition payment which is due April 15.



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English Language Policy

The International Program at MEI is very pleased to be in partnership with you and your children as they continue their educational journey. The program is enthusiastically committed to encouraging and promoting student learning at all times and, as such, has high expectations on students who graduate from the program. Specifically, our goal is to have all our students experience success by excelling in both the written and the spoken aspects of the English language. Therefore, we have developed the following standard for all our international students.

A primary goal is to have all students speak and express themselves using the English language at all times. To this end, the following support mechanisms have been put in place should students struggle to meet this requirement:

Step 1: If students are not meeting this expectation they will be referred to the International Program room, where they will discuss the language difficulties with the International Program staff.

Step 2: If the student continues to ignore the expectations of an English-only environment, an in-school suspension for the remainder of the day will be implemented, with the possibility of the suspension being extended.

Step 3: Should the student repeatedly fail to meet the English only requirement, a meeting with the Program Director/administrator, agent or parental representative will take place to discuss further punitive, transfer/expulsion options.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____



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MEI Education and Integration Philosophy

The MEI International Program believes strongly in the development of the “whole” person. This means that the International Program supports not only academic pursuits, but strongly supports athletic, the Arts, and community involvement. Each student is required to regularly attend a local English speaking Christian church. Each student is also expected to participate in all the International Program's extra-curricular activities.

The International Program believes that English language acquisition is best acquired through active participation in the school curriculum and in the cultural surroundings of a Canadian homestay family. A major goal of the International Program is to create an environment whereby each International student can achieve bi-lingual competency both in language and in culture. Therefore, the International Program individually integrates each international student based on each individual's English language ability. It is also an expectation of the International Program that students in grades 9 -12 are placed into a Canadian home (exceptions to this policy are rare and they need the permission of the International Program Director).

The MEI community desires to make each International student feel welcomed and appreciated, both in terms of their difference and for their passions to achieve English academic success. The International Program is committed to valuing each student, appreciating difference, and working through cultural differences with blessing and thankfulness.