



WISE | Washington International
Student Experience

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A vertical photograph of the Space Needle tower in Seattle, illuminated at night. The tower's structure is white and yellow, with a red light at the top. The background is a dark blue night sky.

ABOUT WISE

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Since 2011, WISE has been providing educational experiences for international students desiring an American education and cultural experience in private Christian schools in Seattle, Washington, and surrounding areas. For more than 10 years, they have had sister schools in Korea, China and Japan to enhance the cultural programs in their private schools. In addition, WISE has additional partner schools in California, Pennsylvania, Hawaii, and are always expanding. It is a professional organization that manages the procedures and academic life of international students in the USA.



WASHINGTON STATE



WISE, located in Washington state near Seattle, is home to the world's largest corporations, like Amazon and Microsoft, as well as major companies such as, Boeing, Starbucks, Costco, Alaska Airlines. Washington state is nicknamed "The Evergreen State" because of the abundance of green trees. **Seattle, the largest city in Washington state, is home to a diverse population.** It has a west coast Mediterranean climate with a generally warm and rainy season in winter and a sunny, warm climate in summer. Young adults are choosing Seattle as a top city to live in and the *NY Times* reports that Seattle has been the fastest growing city in the country since the 2010.



The WISE Foundation operates an international student office on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy, the main school in Washington State, to manage the study, homestay and dormitory life of international students, and to provide career counseling. They operate an international club with various programs and services such as overseas travel, domestic travel, exhibition visits, eating out, sports competitions, community service and fellowship of international students. In particular, the student management and homestay assignment system is well operated by guardians with rich experience in managing international students, and tutors for those who need additional English in elementary, middle school and high school.



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GUARDIAN & HOST FAMILY

STRONG SUPPORT AND CONFIDENT
LEADERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



THE RICHARDS FAMILY

"We've discovered that in the process of introducing American food and experiences to our students we've also learned a lot about their cultures. We were not expecting how much these young students would capture our hearts. We consider them our 'kids' and our family is much larger with 'sons and daughters' all over the world. In short, the WISE program enriches the lives of both the students and their host families and we feel privileged to have been a part of it."

THE HUBIN FAMILY

"Our family has had the privilege of welcoming 4 long-term students into our home and into our hearts. Having these students in our homes has enriched our family as much as we hope we have enriched their lives."

"Our children consider each one of these students their 'brother or sister'. It has been so rewarding to have these kids enjoy our family and have them want to return."

WISE'S GUARDIAN PROGRAM IS MANAGED BY EXPERIENCED, PROFESSIONAL GUARDIANS. WE SERVE AS STUDENTS' MENTORS IN VARIOUS AREAS, FROM HOMESTAY LIFE, COLLEGE ENTRANCE PREPERATION, AND SCHOOL GRADUATION, AS WELL AS FACILITATING A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC LIFE FOR EVERY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. HOST FAMILIES COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK AND ARE COACHED DURING THE ENTIRE STAY.





SUMMER & WINTER CAMPS

WINTER Camp

- January - 4 weeks
- Famous Seattle area sights
- Visit famous corporations: Microsoft, Amazon, and Starbucks
- English classes
- Classes at a private Christian school
- Disneyland
- Universal Studios
- Los Angeles Sights

SUMMER Camp

- July - 4 weeks
- Famous Seattle area sights
- Boat ride in Seattle harbor
- English classes
- STEAM Camp at Christian private school
- Outdoor summer camp for one week
- Activities: swimming, zipline, boating, mountain bikes, ATVs



Summer & Winter Camp





Auburn Adventist Academy

www.auburn.org

Basic Information

- Auburn Academy is a private Christian boarding school with a long history. It is located near a busy, urban environment with a view of Mt Rainier.
- Seattle, Washington, is home to world-class companies such as Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing, and Starbucks.
- AAA has an international student office to coordinate homestay life, career counseling, guardians and operates a club for all international students. It gives them a safe and comfortable environment for the students while they study at AAA. The guardians have rich experience and a well developed program.
- Strong Science classes; STEM, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, and advanced science classes such as ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY help prepare students for medical degrees.
- Popular Tech classes are designed to prepare students for Engineering and similar careers: Drafting, 3D Print, drone class, computer science, audio engineering, film production, etc.
- AP classes are offered and testing offered on campus

School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Boarding & Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Established year: 1919
- Grade: 9th - 12th grade
- ESL class provided
- Number of students: 260
- Teacher to student ratio: 8:1
- International students: China, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Spain, Mexico, Ukraine, and Ecuador
- Accommodation Type: Dormitory & Homestay
- Nearby universities: University of Washington - Seattle, Gonzaga University, Washington State University, Seattle University, Green River College
- Address: 5000 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA 98092

Facilities

- GRACE HALL - Girls' Dormitory: 60 rooms, each with a private full bathroom. There is a kitchen and exercise space. Guest rooms are also available for guests.
- WITZEL HALL - Boys' Dormitory: Over 100 rooms and great deans that help guide the boys to grow to be responsible young men. Weight room and TV room for watching games.
- Cafeteria - A European chef prepares food from various countries for boarding students. They provide delicious, nutritious, plant-based food.



Dual Enrollment Classes

The dual credit program partners with Andrews University to offer students the opportunity to take college classes online and receive high school credit as well as college credit at a very low rate. Nutrition, Introduction to Psychology, Medical Terminology, College Writing. Graduate high school with a college transcript already started.



Activities	Clubs
Swimming Winter Ski/Snowboard Program Flight School Boys & Girls Basketball Boys & Girls Soccer Boys & Girls Volleyball	Drama Club International Student Club Chess Club Class Clubs ASB Golf



Program highlights

Music	Arts
Audio Engineering Bells Choir Sylvan Select Choir Jazz Band Wind Ensemble Orchestra Voice lessons	Piano lessons Instrument lessons Print Making Painting Drawing Graphic Design Digital Photography

College Acceptance

University of Washington
 University of Illinois
 Andrews University
 University of California
 Loma Linda University
 Washington State University
 Art Institute of Pittsburg
 Gonzaga University
 Penn State
 UCLA, Berkley

Florida State University
 Fashion Institute of Design in California
 Harvard
 Walla Walla University
 UC Davis
 University of Illinois
 Arizona State
 School of Visual Arts, New York





Buena Vista Elementary School

www.buenavista22.adventistschoolconnect.org

Basic Information

- Nationally accredited, multi-cultural, private Christian school.
- Active international program with sister schools in Korea and China.
- Long-standing student exchange program.
- ESL classes are offered to students with limited English proficiency .
- Placement in a verified, Christian, middle-class family with peers is a priority for international students.
- Class Hours Grades 3-8th 8:00 - 3:00 M-Th, 8:00 - 1:30 Friday
- Two Indoor gymnasiums for year around sports and play.
- Personal laptops for grades 5-8.

STEAM Camp

- STEAM camp with International student participation
- Critical thinking, experiments, and educational development
- Field trips to popular locations



School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Founded: 1919
- Grade: PreK and K-8
- ESL support
- Number of students: 210
- Average class size: 22 students
- Teacher to student ratio: 20:1
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Located near Seattle, Washington
- 30 minutes from Sea-Tac Airport
- School address:
 - 3320 Academy Dr SE, Auburn, WA 98092

Music

- Band, choir, handbells, ukulele and music theory.
- Private lessons from music teachers are available, and opportunities to challenge musical activities are numerous.
- Orchestra participation is available for advanced string players.

Athletics	Extra Curricular Activities
Boys & Girls Basketball Boys & Girls Soccer Boys & Girls Flag Football Girls Volleyball Swimming	Lego Robotics Overnight Fieldtrips Music Lessons Vocational Education Spelling Bees

Puget Sound Adventist Academy

www.psaa.org

Basic Information

- Nationally accredited, multi-cultural, private Christian school.
- Placement in a verified Christian middle-class family with peers is a priority for international students.
- TOEFL minimum score required, grade dependent



School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Founded: 1957
- Grade: K-12
- ESL support
- Number of students: 100
- Average class size: 20 students
- Teacher to student ratio: 20:1
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Located near Bellevue and Seattle, Washington
- 30 minutes from Sea-Tac Airport
- School address:
 - 5320 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033

Athletics

Athletics

Boys & Girls Basketball
Boys & Girls Soccer
Boys & Girls Volleyball
Track and Field



Music & Academics

- Choir, Band, Jazz Band, and Brass Ensemble
- National Honors Society for 11th and 12th graders with a 3.5 GPA or higher.
- Dual Credits: Get college credits while finishing your high school requirements. Partnering with Northwest University its easy to earn dual credits.
 - Music Appreciation | 3 Credits
 - Pre-Calculus | 3 Credits
 - Calculus | 3 Credits





Northwest Christian School

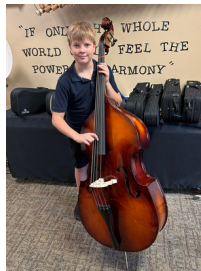
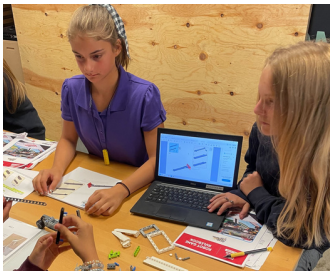
www.nwchristianschool.org/

Basic Information

- Nationally accredited, multi-cultural, private Christian school.
- Active international program with sister schools in Korea and China.
- Long-standing student exchange program.
- ESL classes are offered to students with limited English proficiency .
- Placement in a verified Christian middle-class family with peers for English immersion education is a priority for international students.

School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Founded: 1950
- Grade: K-8
- Number of students: 175
- Teacher to student ratio: 20:1
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Located near Seattle, Washington
- 35 minutes from Sea-Tac Airport
- School address:
 - 904 Shaw Dr, Puyallup, WA 98092



International

- They look forward to their visitors from their sister schools in Korea and China each year
- Yearly trips to take NCS students to Korea and China
- Several international students have begun their middle school journey here.

Music

- Band, choir, ukulele, and string ensemble.
- Private lessons from music teachers are available, and opportunities to challenge musical activities are numerous.



Athletics	Extra Curricular Activities
Boys & Girls Basketball Boys & Girls Soccer Girls Volleyball Ski/Snowboarding Gymnastics	Lego Robotics Overnight Fieldtrips Music Lessons Spelling Bees



LOMA LINDA ACADEMY

<https://www.lla.org>

Basic Information

- Nationally accredited, multi-cultural, private Christian school of 1,300 students
- Active international program
- Long-standing support of international students and helping them be successful
- Placement in a verified Christian middle-class family with peers for English immersion education is a priority for international students.

TIE Program

- TIE program: Technology, Innovation, Engineering. Technical education based on engineering, calculus, physics. This program consists of 4 classes in addition to the regular academic program and prepares for careers in a wide range of high-tech fields.
- Students have found the program to prepare them for degrees in Medicine, Dentistry, Aerospace, and Engineering.
- Optimized to improve knowledge and experience in related fields.

School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Grade: K-12
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Located near Los Angeles, CA, 1 hour from LAX.
- School address:
 - 10656 Anderson St, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Academics

6 AP Classes	Biology, Spanish, Statistics/Studio Art – Drawing, US History, World History
8 Honors Classes	Algebra 2, American Literature, Biology 2, A & P, Chemistry, Geometry, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Natural Science
2 Dual Credits	Calculus, College English, University Classes

Arts & Music

- Chamber Singers, Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Tours, ProMusica, Wind Symphony
- Journalism, Drawing, Painting



Athletics	Extra Curricular Activities
Flag Football Volleyball Basketball Baseball Golf Soccer Badminton Swim Softball Cross Country	Badminton Club Book Club Creative Writing Club Fashion Club Friends Next Door Club Youth-Youth Club LLA Walk/Run Club Photo Club Robo-Runner Club Rock Climbing Club



LODI ACADEMY

<https://www.lodiacademy.net>

Basic Information

- Lodi Academy is an excellent private Christian school located in Lodi, Northern California.
- The church focuses on the spiritual and spiritual aspects of experiencing life with Jesus Christ.
- Lodi aims for education to prepare for college and to participate practical service for the local community.
- This school is suitable for students who are studying abroad for the first time or who lack English preparation.

School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Founded: 1908
- Grade: Grades 9-12
- ESL support
- Number of students: 90
- Average class size: 15 students
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Address: 1230 S Central Ave, Lodi, California

Arts & Music

- AP courses: AP English IV, AP U.S. History
- Music: Lodian Singers, chamber choir, concert choir
- In addition to three musical groups: string and brass ensembles, trios and quartets.
- Awards and Performances: World Strides Heritage Performances - Lodian Singers, Concert Band / 2014 (Silver & Bronze), 2015 (Gold) CarnegieHall Performance - Spring 2016 Lodian Singers

Graduates Attend

Pacific Union College	La Sierra University
Walla Walla University	Loma Linda University
California State University - Sacramento	San Joaquin Delta College
University of the Pacific	Southern Adventist University
University of California - Davis	University of Southern California

Athletics	Extra Curricular Activities
Boys & Girls Flag Football Girls Volleyball Boys & Girls Basketball Golf Girls Soccer Boys & Girls Cross Country	Sac-Joaquin, an allied sports league in the state of California with 197 member schools Music Organizations Student Association





Hawaiian Mission Academy

<https://www.hawaiianmissionacademy.org/>

Basic Information

- Nationally accredited boarding school. The church focuses on the spiritual and spiritual aspects of experiencing life with Jesus Christ.
- Located in Honolulu, minutes from the beach and shopping with a beautiful tropical landscape.
- This school is great for students looking for a warm, close-knit family environment, who enjoy outdoors and warm weather.

School Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Religion: Christianity
- Founded: 1920
- Grade: Grades K-12
- Number of students: 200
- Average class size: 15 students
- Accommodation Type: Dormitory
- Address: 1438 Pensacola St, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Fine Arts	Athletics	Community Service
Art, Band, Choir, Handbells	Basketball, Volleyball, Surfing, and Paddle boarding, Summer Sports Camps	Adapt a block, Beach cleanups, Visiting the elderly, Service Day

Academics

- College Prep Diploma: Religion, English, Mathematics, Science, Business, Computer Education, PE Health, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Practical Arts and other electives
- Honors courses: Algebra2, English 4, US History, Modern Hawaiian History, and US Government

Graduates Attend

Pacific Union College
 Walla Walla University
 California State University – Sacramento
 University of the Hawaii

La Sierra University
 Loma Linda University
 San Joaquin Delta College
 University of Southern California





Cypress Adventist School
www.cypressda.com



Lewis County Adventist School
www.lcas.org

Basic Info

- School type: Private day school
- Grade Levels: K-8
- Current Total: 65 students
- Teacher-Student Ratio: 1:15
- Nationally accredited Christian school
- Accommodations: Host Family
- Address: 21500 Cypress Way, Lynwood, WA 98036
- A warm family environment for personal interactions with student and teachers.

Music	Outdoor Education	Community Service
Hand chimes, hand bells, choir, individual lessons, band	3-da6 Outdoor camp at Marine Biology station in Rosario, WA	Food drive for the community, dinner for seniors, St Jude's marathon



Basic Info

- School Type: Coeducational / Day School
- Grade Levels: K-10
- Current Totals: 90 students
- Average class size: 15 students
- State accredited Christian school
- Accommodation Type: Host Family
- Address: 2102 S Scheuber Rd, Chehalis, WA 98532

Unique Highlights

- High quality, holistic education
- Creative and involved teachers that bring learning to life.
- Low student to teacher ratios create ideal rapid learning environments



Washington



Skagit Adventist Academy
www.skagitadventist.com

Idaho



Gem State Adventist Academy
www.gemstate.org

Basic Info

- School type: Private day school
- Grade Levels: K-12
- Current Total: 65 students
- Teacher-Student Ratio: 1:15
- State accredited Christian school
- Accommodations: Host Family
- Address: 530 N Section St, Burlington, WA 98233
- A large facility with full size gymnasium, science labs, and mountain bike track.
- Teachers and staff that are dedicated to preparing their students for success.

Music	Athletics Intramurals
Hand bells, choir, band, private lessons	soccer, mountain biking, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, softball



Basic Info

- School Type: Boarding School
- Grade Levels: 9-12
- Current Totals: 115 students
- Average class size: 13 students
- Nationally accredited Christian school
- Accommodation Type: Dormitory
- Address: 16115 S Montana Ave, Caldwell, Idaho

Unique Highlights

- ICIP Program: effective ESL and wide range of sports offers.
- AP testing center

Extra Curricular	Athletics
Boys and Girls Clubs, Yearbook, Graphic Design, Editing, and Photography	Tackle football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Baseball



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