



# WILLOWS ACADEMY



## International Program

Willows Academy offers a unique experience to immerse students from all over the world in a rigorous academic program and vibrant social environment. Our mission is to educate the whole person and help our students become strong, confident and competent women that will make a difference in the world. We invite students from other countries to partake in this one-of-a-kind experience and better prepare themselves for college and beyond. We understand the challenges of living in a foreign country so we have designed a program that will support our international students in every way.

The three key components of our program are:

Academic Program

Family Life

Social Environment

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# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

We pride ourselves on our strong, all honors, liberal arts curriculum, challenging our students to reach their full potential. At the middle school level (Grades 6-8), the focus is on developing the skills and knowledge to succeed at the honors level in high school. At the high school level, the students take honors and advanced level classes that help them be not only prepared for college, but excel.



# FAMILY LIFE

Willows families host our international students, and take them in as one of their own. We want all of our international students to feel 'at home' and enjoy their experience to the fullest. To achieve that, we interview the student and family before their arrival so we can place them with the best match.

# SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Willows boasts a spirited and dynamic environment. Students are encouraged to partake in many different activities during the school year such as drama, art, music, clubs and more. We believe it is crucial, not only for a well-rounded and enjoyable experience, but also to strengthen the students' conversational English.



# FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year we explore the wonderful city of Chicago and surroundings. Wander the museums, take in the beautiful historic neighborhoods, check out the skyscrapers and more! We aim to create a rich and diverse cultural experience that they will never forget.

# NEXT STEPS

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1. Submit an application. You can find the application [here](#).

If you would like to find out more information before applying, you may fill out an inquiry form first and someone will contact you. You can find that [here](#).

2. After submitting an application, we will be in contact with you about setting up an interview and acquiring all necessary documentation.

You can find all forms at [willowsacademy.org](http://willowsacademy.org)

## Contact

All of our international students are welcomed and accompanied by our International Program Coordinator and Admissions Director. They will be there for whatever the students need and make sure they feel at home.

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