

TOP PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS







## OUR GRADUATES ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE & LIFE

*Students excel academically and are supported by teachers to be prepared for college and university after high school. Students can earn college credits while in high school at LM. They can also participate in our champion athletics, award-winning fine arts programs, chapel services, and develop American friendships.*

*Dorms and homestay living accommodations are two great options for where to stay while in school in the U.S., and helps students learn about U.S. culture and improve their English language skills.*

*Our students go on to amazing colleges and careers, and we can't wait to have you join our esteemed alumni too!*





## OUR VISION

Lancaster Mennonite is a leader in PreK-12 educational experiences of excellence and character. Through local and global connections in a Christ-centered community, lives will be transformed and our world changed.

## WELCOME


Lancaster Mennonite is a dynamic and diverse learning community of students and staff. Our school enrolls a rich diversity of students in grades PreKindergarten through twelfth grade from urban centers beyond Lancaster as well as international students.

If you walk our halls you will find that LM is a place of fun, friendship and mutual respect. Exceptional teachers bring a wealth of experience, both from living abroad and from graduate studies; they are important role models through their teaching, caring and commitment.

We want to prepare our international students for college and enable them to meet their goals for the future. We also celebrate the experiences and cultures they bring to make us a globally-minded school.

Dr. Michael Badriaki  
Superintendent

***"Students and teachers treat everyone with respect and love. Teachers are always willing to work with you to better understand your studies. It has been the best choice I ever made to attend Lancaster Mennonite!"***

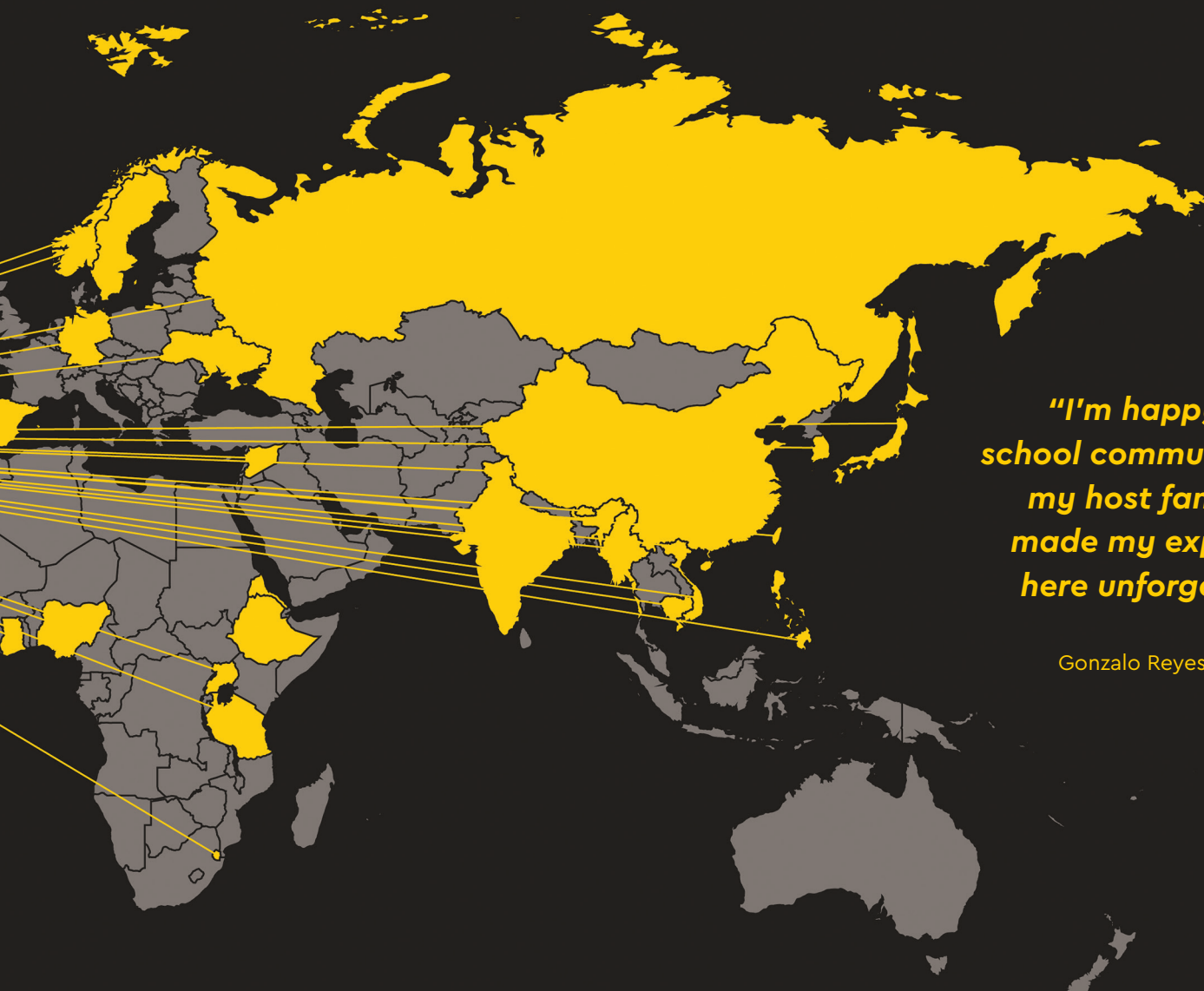
Jian Song, China 



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 30+ COUNTRIES

***LM is a global community.*** At our school, your voice will be heard! We appreciate individual diversity and encourage students and alumni to connect, share experiences, and support each other.





*"I'm happy for the  
school community and  
my host family that  
made my experience  
here unforgettable."*

Gonzalo Reyes, Chile



***"LM is an extraordinary school which helped me succeed by believing in this principle – If you can dream it, you can do it."***

Estella Fan Xinyuan, China 

With more than 80 years of history, Lancaster Mennonite is known to be one of the top private high schools in the region for our excellent college preparation programs. LM consistently performs above the national average for SAT scores, and its graduates have enrolled in prestigious universities such as University of Pennsylvania and Swarthmore.

LM offers a rigorous college preparation program from grades 9 through 12, including an English as a second language course designed for international students. Students can choose from an extensive choice of courses, including Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses for a more challenging curriculum and to earn college credits. With Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses, LM students can complete a year of college while in high school.

Students have access to outstanding opportunities in visual arts, performing arts, athletics and clubs as part of the college preparation program, enabling them to benefit from a well-rounded educational experience.

# OUR INTERNATIONAL



COLLEGE PREPARATION



DORMITORY & HOMESTAY OPTIONS



CLUBS, SPORTS & ACTIVITIES



# ONAL PROGRAM



ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT



ADVANCED MUSIC STUDIO PROGRAM




INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOC.

Lancaster Mennonite offers a great opportunity for students to prepare for the increased independence and responsibility of college life, and to share their own unique backgrounds and experiences with others. LM has two dormitories, Graybill Hall and Millstream Hall. Many international students feel that the LM boarding program was among the most significant parts of their U.S. education. Local agencies partner with the school to arrange homestays for students who prefer living with American host families.

While offering a strong college preparation program and excellent facilities, LM endeavors to keep tuition at an affordable rate. This is what makes Lancaster Mennonite consistently one of the top private high schools in this region of the United States.

***"I was grateful for my teachers; they were highly qualified and very caring."***

Hanna Pronina, Ukraine 

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FEATURES

## COLLEGE PREPARATION

Lancaster Mennonite is noted for its excellent college preparation program. The Guidance Department is dedicated to helping students in the college selection process. To be accepted into a good college, students are encouraged to select a rigorous curriculum with Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses.

Overall, the school offers 150 courses, including 24 Advanced Placement and Honors courses. With a low student-to-teacher ratio, LM's exceptional faculty is committed to providing quality education to help students discover their strengths and prepare well for college.



The Guidance Department administers several merit awards including the Global Citizenship Award and International Leadership Award to recognize students with strong academic performances, leadership and community service contributions.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP U.S. Government & Politics\*
- AP U.S. History\*
- AP Modern World History

## HONORS COURSES

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Advanced Environmental Science
- Advanced Studio Art
- Honors Algebra II
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Honors Sociology
- Spiritual Formation\*

*\*Dual College Enrollment classes*



## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

For students whose first language is not English, there are different levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that are offered to increase language proficiency and to help them meet college entrance requirements. LM maintains a low student-to-teacher ratio to ensure that adequate attention and effective coaching are available to individual students.

An English Proficiency Test Score is requested with each application. A TOEFL Score of 75 or higher is required to waive ESL courses.

## ADVANCED MUSIC STUDIO PROGRAM

This program is for students who desire a special music focus in their curriculum and are interested in majoring in music at college. The students take advanced music courses during an extended school day. Successfully-completed courses through this program are added to the students' high school transcript and contribute toward graduation as well as college credit. LM graduates have enrolled in prestigious institutions such as Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music and Oberlin Conservatory of Music after completing the Advanced Music Studio Program.





## BLAZERS ATHLETICS

A full range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities supports its strong athletic program in the highly competitive Lancaster-Lebanon League. Offering 12 varsity sports, (soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, track and field, baseball and more) the school is well-known for its outstanding Blazer athletic program, having won several championships for various sports, notably the state soccer championship.

Selection varies between junior high, high school, and girls/boys sports.



## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under the dedicated leadership of highly qualified coaches, LM has won 80+ section championships, including:

- Boys soccer state champion
- Girls soccer state champion
- Back to back boys district soccer champions
- Back to back boys league soccer champions
- Track 1600-meter run state champion
- Golf individual state champion
- Boys golf district champions
- Girls field hockey league champions
- Boys volleyball league champions
- Girls basketball league champions



***"Playing in the state soccer championship was a highlight of my time at LM."***

David Alejos, Mexico 



## FINE ARTS PROGRAM

LM has a deep commitment to the role of the arts in a holistic, excellent education.

### DRAMA

Each production offers students varied opportunities, from acting and singing to set construction, stage management, and performing in the band or pit orchestra.



### MUSIC

Both campuses provide vocal and instrumental instruction and performance opportunities.

Students are encouraged to join music groups such as the chorus, string orchestra, concert band and jazz ensemble. LM's music program often takes students to competitions and performances off campus.



### VISUAL

A selection of art courses from skilled art teachers cultivate reflection, sensitivity to cultural expressions worldwide, constructive creativity and career choices that nurture our global society. LM students regularly take part in local art exhibitions and win awards at competitions. Gifted students are granted scholarships by colleges to pursue a bachelor's degree in art.



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

### CLUBS

Altogether, Lancaster Mennonite offers a variety of clubs and organizations to create a social and cultural experience which fosters student leadership, community involvement and personal growth. Some options include:

- Art Club
- Basketball Open Gym
- Chess Team
- Class Committees
- Diversity Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- FFA - Future Farmers of America
- Green Team (Environmental Action)
- International Students Association
- Lancaster Mennonite Youth Athletics (LMYA)
- Literary Magazine
- Math Club
- Music Practice Club
- National Honor Society
- Open Weight Room
- Peer Tutoring
- Quiz Bowl Team
- Sewing Club
- Ski Club
- Spanish Club
- Tech Crew
- Sports Talk Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook Club



### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Along with academic excellence, LM provides an extensive selection of student activities for a well-rounded educational experience that are valued by reputable American colleges and universities.



### SERVICE

Community and school service is an important part of a holistic education. LM provides students with opportunities to be involved and to demonstrate good character. Service opportunities include on and off campus projects with peers or mentoring younger students.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The LM International Students Association ("ISA") is a club for students from all nationalities, including the USA, to connect, share experiences and support each other. It offers leadership and volunteer service opportunities to enrich the students' lives and the lives of others. Through ISA activities, students develop inter-cultural competencies which are critical for global citizens to be successful in the world today.

### TUESDAY MEETINGS

Every Tuesday, ISA members connect through inter-cultural programs, games and snacks.

### FIELD TRIPS

Exploring the U.S. through fun excursions creates an excellent opportunity for both local and international students to deepen their friendships outside the classrooms. ISA students have enjoyed field trips to attend a seminar at the United Nations in New York, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and other local places of interest.



### MINI COURSES

We realize that many significant lifelong skills and interests are developed outside the classroom setting. Mini-courses for grades 11-12 and class experiences for grades 9-10 provide opportunities for students to learn with their peers and teachers and benefit from teachers' expertise and creativity.

Mini-courses are a minimum of three days and may include overnight trips or day trips for those three days. Students may count school-led summer trips as their mini-course prior to their junior or senior years. Mini-courses focus on an academic area and/or service and occurs every other year. Students receive a pass/fail grade for 0.25 credit.





***"There are three words  
I would use to describe  
Lancaster Mennonite's  
dorm advisors: kind,  
caring and cool"***

Ivan Kuliashov, Belarus 

## **DORMITORY LIVING**

Our school has two dormitories, Graybill Hall and Millstream Hall, which offer a great opportunity for students to prepare for the increased independence and responsibility of college life, and to share their own unique background and experiences with others.

The dormitories have adults serving as resident advisors whose role is to provide support for each boarding student's welfare, academic progress and personal growth. A "dorm council" of residential students provides leadership opportunities to create a community that is caring and cohesive. A strong community is built through evening and weekend activities including shopping trips, movie nights, pizza parties, concerts, park picnics, local tours, college visits, community services and much more.

Residential students have access to facilities on campus, such as the sports center and library. The dormitories are also within walking distance of several restaurants, shopping malls, banks and hair salons.





## HOMESTAY

Host families are available for students who prefer an enriching experience living with an American family and learning the culture. Host families are arranged through local agencies in the U.S. which match students with registered host families. Each qualified host family must pass a selective screening process, undergo a thorough background check, an interview and home visit from the local agencies to ensure they are suited to welcome international students into their family and home.



## LOCATING A HOST FAMILY

Lancaster Mennonite School does not arrange for host families or homestays. School policy is that all host families of LM students must be arranged and supervised by an approved local agency. If students do not have an approved agency overseeing and providing support to their host family, they will be required to board in the school residence hall.

## RESIDENCE HALL OR HOST FAMILY?

Being in a residence hall/dormitory with other international students can be a great experience. However, students who stay with host families become more immersed in the language and culture. Also, host families treat their students as family members – involving them in activities, excursions and household responsibilities.

## CULTURAL IMMERSION

Homestays can provide a more authentic cultural experience. Depending on the level of involvement that you choose to have with your host family, a homestay can present an opportunity to experience daily life in the USA.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Living in a dormitory, you may encounter a concentration of people who speak your language. But living with a host family will force you to use English with native speakers in many settings. Your adopted family can help you practice your language skills.

## A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

With family and friends in a distant time zone, a homestay family can serve as your support system. If you allow yourself to develop relationships with your hosts, you can open yourself up to life-long friendships and connections abroad.

## THE DISADVANTAGES OF A HOST FAMILY

If you opt to live in a homestay, you may feel isolated from other students. You could be further from the center of town and school activities, and you may not be able to visit friends easily without an automobile.

Key questions to ask yourself before choosing:

1. Do I want to live with other students like me?
2. Is learning the language and customs important to me?
3. Am I comfortable living in someone else's home?



## LANCASTER AREA



Our school is situated in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which presents a unique blend of agriculture, manufacturing

and tourism with a rich heritage of history, cultural diversity and educational opportunities.

Lancaster is beautiful, safe and tranquil, yet close to bustling cities – a perfect place to study and to enjoy an enriching U.S. experience. Lancaster City is known for authentic restaurants and rich arts, including the historic Fulton Theatre. Convenient bus transportation is available round the clock, seven days a week, between the city and other major towns.

Lancaster is only seven train stops away from Philadelphia, home to an Ivy League university, the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia is the second largest city on the East Coast and fifth largest in the entire country. Amtrak offers convenient and affordable rail service between Lancaster and New York via Philadelphia.



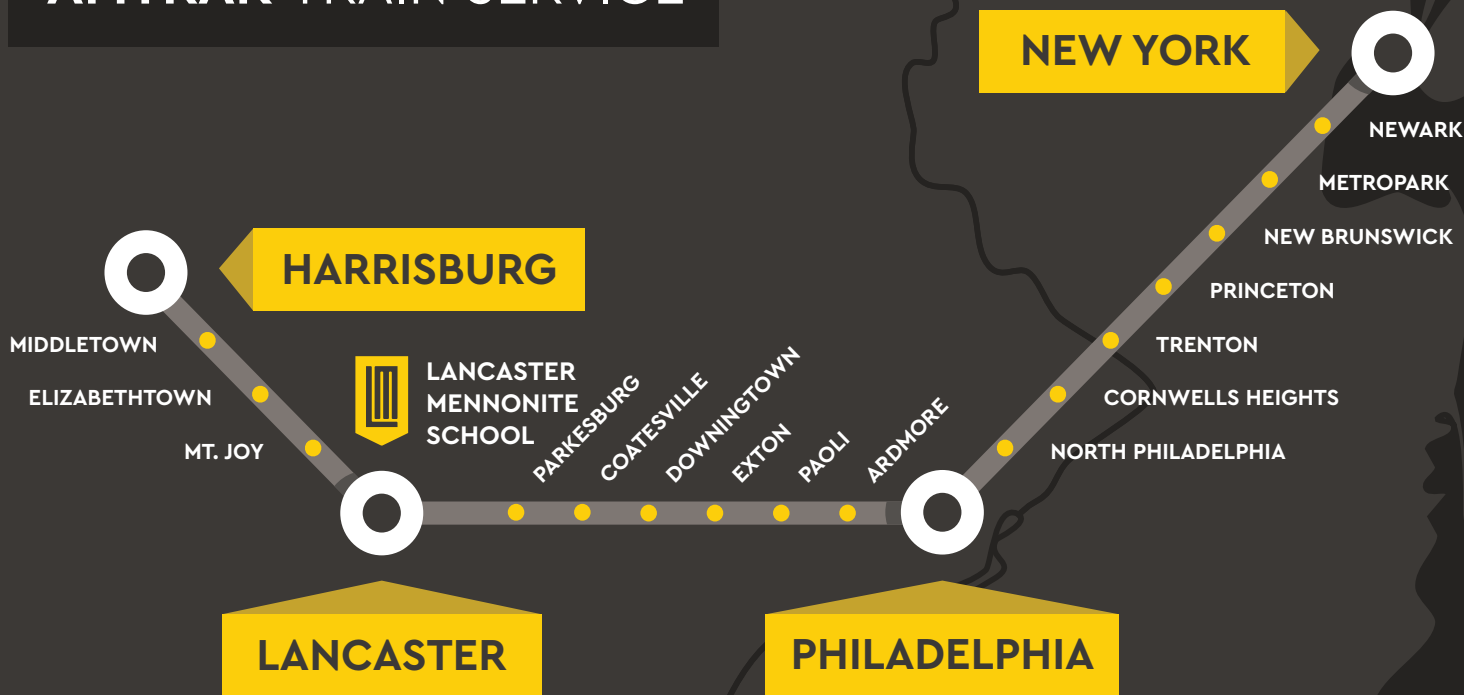
## AIRPORT

Students can fly directly from their countries into major U.S. cities New York, Washington DC, Detroit or Chicago to take a domestic flight into Harrisburg Airport. The school is within a few hours from many major U.S. cities.

## PA TURNPIKE

The Pennsylvania (PA) Turnpike runs 360 miles from Ohio to New Jersey to connect with other states and highways, making the area a major transportation hub.

# AMTRAK TRAIN SERVICE



## AMTRAK TRAIN

There is an Amtrak train that runs all the way from Harrisburg to Lancaster, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York City.

## MAJOR CITIES

Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, Washington DC and Pittsburgh are all within several hours driving distance from Lancaster.

***"LM has changed my life. Without the friendship and tremendous support I received from the school community, I wouldn't have changed from a shy international student to one who can converse confidently with my American friends."***

Janice Ling, Hong Kong 

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***"Students and teachers are very welcoming. There are so many opportunities!"***

Esther, Nigeria 

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS**

Students who are not from English-speaking countries are expected to submit scores from an English proficiency test (TOEFL, TOEFL Jr, SLATE or IELTS). Test scores help us to schedule students in appropriate ESL classes. If you are unable to sit for the test in time for the semester, please contact the school's Admissions office.

## **ADMISSIONS DEADLINE**

Students are encouraged to apply no later than June 1 for the Fall semester and before November 15 for the Spring semester.

Forms can be found on the school website at [www.international.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.international.lancastermennonite.org).

For inquiries, please contact the Admissions Department at [admissions@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:admissions@lancastermennonite.org) or telephone 1-717-740-2429.





## VISIT US

The best way to find out if LM is the right school for you is to visit the campus together with your family. This will give you a chance to experience the rich array of opportunities LM offers and to meet the people who make up this dynamic multi-cultural community.

You are also welcome to experience firsthand the learning environment and to interact with our students and teachers.

To schedule a campus tour, please email us at [admissions@lancastrmennonite.org](mailto:admissions@lancastrmennonite.org).



## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

**STEP 1:** Complete our online application and attach the following:

- Copy of middle school and high school transcripts (with English translation and school seal)
- Two reference forms from principal and/or teachers
- Copy of student's passport
- English proficiency test results (TOEFL, TOEFL Jr, SLATE or IELTS)
- Copy of immunizations (translated)
- Financial documentation (bank statement showing your ability to pay tuition)

**STEP 2:** Pay \$300 application fee by credit card.

**STEP 3:** We will contact you to schedule an on-campus or Zoom video interview with an admissions counselor or principal.

**STEP 4:** If your application is approved, you will be sent an offer of enrollment. When you accept the offer and pay a tuition deposit, an enrollment packet and 1-20 form for your visa application will be mailed to your home address.

**STEP 5:** Submit the following before or when you arrive at LM:

- Health and Dental forms
- Copy of new student visa
- Updated transcript from previous year



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