



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FROM CHINA

1. *Who is considered an applicant from China?*

Every year we put together a well-rounded class with students from diverse backgrounds. What we look at is the educational background a student brings to the classroom. Therefore, regardless whether an applicant has a green card or a passport other than PRC, if the student has received the majority of his or her education from a Chinese school, public or private, that applicant is considered an applicant from China.

If an applicant has received the majority of his or her education from an international school in China, he or she will be considered non-Chinese.

If an applicant with a PRC passport has attended a school in the US for a minimum of three years immediately prior to attending high school, he or she will be considered non-Chinese.

2. *Test Requirement:*

The SSAT test is required. WRA's school code is 8110.

TOEFL is optional. You can choose to submit your score or not. WRA uses a comprehensive interview process to evaluate an applicant's English. We care more about one's real English language ability than an often inflated TOEFL score through months of test prep.

3. *WRA's interview process:*

Each interview session lasts 120-140 minutes. Applicants will be interviewed individually and put into a group of 5-6 for a reading and discussion exercise followed by timed writing.

This in-person group interview is REQUIRED.

A skype interview or Vericant cannot substitute this in-person group interview.

4. *Do parents need to come?*

Yes! Since the applicant is still a minor, we would like to meet with both parents. Current and past parents will be at the interview site to answer any questions. And our admission officer will also be there to meet parents.

5. *How to schedule an interview?*

- **You need to start an online account on SSAT.** Fill out the basic information. Pay the application fee.
- Then schedule an interview on WRA website:

- <http://international-admit.wra.net:3000/>
- Follow the steps.

6. Interview Dates:

Beijing: 12/21/2018 - 12/22/2018

Shenzhen: 12/31/2018 - 1/1/2019

Shanghai: 12/26/2018 - 12/29/2018, 1/12/2019, 1/19/2019, 1/26/2019.

Additional dates may be added as needed.

On Campus: 3/3/2019

Schedule your interview as early as possible.

For applicants that are currently studying in the US, you may interview during your Christmas in China or on March 3rd, 2019 on the WRA campus. If your parents are in China and cannot accompany you to campus, please contact Jessie Chen.

7. Material Submission:

Our application deadline is January 15th. We understand that your transcript, your recommendations and your test score may not be ready by Jan 15th. You must submit everything by February 15th.

You may check the status of your application on SSAT site yourself. If there is something missing, we will contact you. **It is extremely important that you put on your application a working email address which you will check daily.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Is WRA mainly a day school or boarding school?
 - WRA is mainly a boarding school with close to 70% of our students living on campus. It is also a co-ed school with nearly the same number of boys and girls.
- How many Chinese students are you going to admit for school year 2019-2020?
 - We are going to admit 10 students, 8 into 9th grade and 2 into 10th grade. It will be even number of girls and boys.
- Do you offer ESL classes?
 - No
- Do you admit students for Spring semester?
 - No
- What is the admit rate?
 - Around 5%
- Will there be spaces for 11th grade?
 - If there is anyone leaving, there may be a space for 11th.
- How do I schedule a campus visit?
 - You may email our admission office (admission@wra.net) to schedule a campus

visit. We may be able to accommodate drop-ins. But please be aware of school holidays when school is closed. Please look at our calendar before you book your travels.

- **If you are not able to come to campus, it will not hurt your chances.**
- **Even if you have visited campus, you are still required to do an in-person group interview.**

- How do I prepare for the interview?
 - **Be yourself.** It is to your benefit to showcase your true self. Being overly prepared for your interview can only hurt you. Don't try to say what you think the interviewer wants to hear. Show your uniqueness! Be honest!
 - Don't bring any application materials, DVDs or extra printed profiles of yourself.

- When will admission decisions be announced?
 - Admission decisions will be sent via email on March 8th 2019.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Jessie Chen, Special Assistant to the Head of School and Admission Liaison in China at chenj@wra.net.