



## Perkiomen School 2021-2022 Academic Year

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We are eager to welcome you to campus for the 2021-2022 school year! This document was created to assist you in preparing for campus arrival. Please refer to ongoing communications from Head of School, Mark A. Devey, for more specific information for the 2021-2022 school year. Our [2021-2022 webpage](#), will also be updated on a regular basis.

Although some students may arrive on campus earlier, Boarding Student Registration will be held between **August 21 and August 23**. Orientation begins on **August 25**. It is our expectation that all students will be on campus and able to be in person by August 25. If your circumstances will cause your arrival date to be after August 25, please coordinate your arrival directly with the Student Life Office.

### Visa Information

Returning students do not need a new visa unless their visa is expired. New students will need a visa to travel to the US.

We understand that many US consulates remain closed or are only offering limited services. However, we are optimistic that things will continue to improve in the coming months. We encourage you to reach out directly to your consulate and check periodically (at least weekly for updates). Some families have had success traveling to a nearby country and obtaining a visa. Please note: visa's cannot be obtained in the US after arrival. Please contact Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Abby Parish Moser at [amoser@perkiomen.org](mailto:amoser@perkiomen.org) if you need to discuss your students' visa situation.

### Passport Renewal

Please check that students' passports are valid for at least six months after their arrival date. If not, students should consider renewing their passport before they travel to the United States.

### National Interest Exceptions (NIE) to the US Travel Ban, with arrival following August 1

On April 26, 2021, the US Secretary of State made a national interest determination regarding categories of travelers to be excepted from Presidential Proclamations. Travelers subject to these proclamations, due to their presence in China, Iran, Brazil, South Africa, the Schengen area, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, who are are students may now qualify for a [National Interest Exception](#) (NIE). Students with a valid student visa intending to continue their academic program at Perkiomen School may enter the United States after August 1, 2021. Students do not need to contact an embassy or consulate to seek an individual NIE to travel.

### Student arrival before August 1 (returning students with valid student visas)

If you are planning to arrive prior to August 1, and need special arrangements for June or July housing, contact Carol Dougherty, Associate Head of School at [cdougherty@perkiomen.org](mailto:cdougherty@perkiomen.org). All other residential or dormitory questions should be directed to the Assistant Head of School for Student Life Kevin Manferdini at [kmanferdini@perkiomen.org](mailto:kmanferdini@perkiomen.org)

Please note: Students traveling from China, Iran, European Schengen area, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Brazil, South Africa, or India, wanting or needing to arrive before August 1 will still need to quarantine in a third country before entering the United States.

## Post-travel quarantine at Perkiomen School

In an effort to support international students preparing for in-person registration on August 25 and to help ease scheduling of flights, we will be opening dorms early and will be ready to welcome students back to campus when they are able to arrive.

The current (August 6, 2021) expectation for students [traveling](#) who are not fully vaccinated is a 7-day quarantine (with negative COVID-19 test on Day 4 after arrival). If a student is fully vaccinated, there is no quarantine requirement post-travel, however, testing is still required on Day 4. While in quarantine, students should be masked when indoors and out of their dorm room.

We are optimistic that the quarantine requirements will be lifted, however, we are prepared to open campus to all international students on August 11-18 to accommodate any student who wants to arrive early and complete the 7-day quarantine on campus prior to the registration of boarding students on August 21-23 and more importantly, the start of school, with orientation on August 25.

- The school can arrange airport pick-up (cost charged to the family) directly to school where the student will have a private room to quarantine in.
- Students will select options for their meals that will be delivered to their doors.
- Students will have scheduled times for exercise and access to the outdoors.
- On Day 4 they will have a COVID-19 test, with no additional charge per student, and if the result is negative, quarantine will end after 7 days. Our health center will also support any eligible student (with parental permission) who wants to be vaccinated.

## COVID-19 Testing Requirements

All air passengers coming to the United States, including US citizens and fully vaccinated people, are required by the [CDC](#) to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States. Please also forward this documentation to the Health Center at [dpoole@perkiomen.org](mailto:dpoole@perkiomen.org) before arrival. Any student who has a requirement for COVID-19 testing following travel, will be tested on campus by our health center.

## COVID-19 Vaccination

We are encouraging our community to vaccinate when they are able and we are ready to facilitate vaccination for any student (with parental permission) who arrives unvaccinated and is eligible and wants to be vaccinated. There is no cost for vaccinations in the United States.

Perkiomen School will require all employees and students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the start of the 2021-22 academic year, except in cases of health or belief exemption.

## Students unable to arrive prior to August 25

All students and families should make every effort to arrive on campus for the start of school in August. If travel restrictions or visa issues prevent a student from arriving on time for the first day of classes, please contact Jonathan Moser, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at [jmoser@perkiomen.org](mailto:jmoser@perkiomen.org) to arrange for a temporary academic solution. Please note, student access to asynchronous assignments and class recordings will be limited and is not intended to replace in-person instruction for an extended period. When the student is able to return, dormitory space will be ready to resume on-campus instruction and residential life.

*Please note:* CDC and state and local Health Department guidelines change rapidly. Throughout the summer, we will revise guidelines as necessary.

