



IEM INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW



"Working with IEM has been a wonderful experience. As an organization, IEM diligently works to provide every student with the support that they need to be successful in and outside of classroom. I highly recommend IEM to other institutions, students, and parents."

*-Dennis "Coach" Snyder, President/Founder,
Escondido Charter High School*

"As a parent, I know how important it is to ensure that students receive the best possible education. IEM understands students' needs and academic aspirations. IEM provides students with the necessary tools to improve English, be academically successful, integrate into American culture, and grow during their time on the program."

*- Scott Marshall, Headmaster,
The Rock Academy*

Welcome

Our mission at IEM high schools is to offer the value of an American education to the world, by bringing the youth of the world here to America. We believe that the disciplined minds of our recruits can blossom into their full potential when shaped by the values of a pragmatic American education. Our students are not just the next generation of mechanical engineers, informational technology specialists, and medical doctors, but rather the next generation of engineering entrepreneurs, information technology managers, and medical innovators.



No other international education management group has built as robust a set of services as IEM to best support the accomplishment of this goal. From our summer pre-high school program to our high school placement programs, we guide, manage, nurture, and encourage our students to help them achieve their full potential.

The natural result of our students' honed and disciplined rigor, tied to healthy and creative vigor, is acceptance into America's best universities. There is no magic formula that guarantees this acceptance, but there are both time-tested and new methods that vastly increase the odds. The first step is enrollment in an American high school, and that step is best taken with IEM. Let us guide your family in this crucial first step, as it will be one of the biggest steps in a young person's lifetime.

Naira Yeghian

Student Services



The value of an American education is celebrated the world over. Vigor. Creativity. Problem-Solving. Teamwork. Open-mindedness. Diversity. Cross-disciplinary reasoning. These are the skills and intelligences that drive innovation in the new and emerging world economy. Business and management leaders in the fields of science and information technology, bioengineering and health services, entertainment and media must not only be knowledgeable about their subject matter, they must also be judicious yet decisive, reasoned yet quick, technical yet creative. It is this pragmatism that defines an American education, and it is a pragmatic outlook that results from an American education.



IEM Mission & Values

Combining a passion for education with the expertise necessary for the advancement of every student

IEM is an international educational management company with core expertise in international student recruitment, curriculum development, student services, and specialized university counseling. We always put student academic success and student growth first, and are proud to have provided thousands of students from all corners of the globe with the life-changing opportunity to fulfill their educational goals abroad.

At IEM, we leverage decades of management experience in international education and presently consist of a network of international recruitment agents, a global educational cooperative network, and trusted partners worldwide. Through the knowledge and expertise that only comes with experience, we have developed a set of robust processes, paired with customized information technology tools, that provide us true competitive advantage in student case management. We take a profound interest in the development of our students, from first meeting to graduation day and beyond.

Commitment to Excellence

IEM sets the bar for educational standards by offering rigorous and challenging coursework through our partner schools



Global Citizenship

Our programs encourage students to apply their passion for school and success to become learners and leaders within the global community



Students Come First

From Arrival to Graduation



IEM is acutely aware that one size does not fit all in the realm of education. We are committed to the full development of each student as a unique individual with special potential and intrinsic needs. This means that we are sensitive to each student's particular familial, cultural, and pedagogical background and actively consider these contexts as we grow a student into his or her full potential throughout their entire life-cycle – all the way from the day they leave their home country until the day they walk during the high school graduation ceremony.

Every student counts! Our holistic student services philosophy rests upon four cornerstones: *Safety, Academic Excellence, Personal Growth, and Comfortable Living Environment*. Each informs and supports the others. This is why we take full legal guardianship of our students, why we work with our partner schools to build a longitudinal academic plan for each student, why we track each student's cultural and social progress, and why we place students only with the best homestay families in California.

At IEM, we believe that our success is defined by the success of our partner institutions and students. Our support, commitment, and passion for this shared success are at the heart of our mission.

Compassionate Guidance

We provide comprehensive student services that combine care and compassion with superior expertise in cross-cultural transition



Advancement with Balance

Our students excel far beyond the classroom as they strive to establish a fulfilling balance between school work, and life





Why Choose IEM?

We are responsible to many constituents, adding value in every direction we operate

Why Do Students Choose IEM?

Our organization is student centered, and we take great pride in addressing the unique needs, requirements, and talents of each individual student. As a company that consists of professionals from diverse backgrounds, we know first-hand the potentially daunting and intimidating challenge of quickly acquiring a new culture and language. We also realize that academic success is not administered, but rather cultivated, and we invest great effort in every student's growth. Student achievement is our priority, and we employ comprehensive services from recruitment to graduation to ensure success.

Our innovative instruction techniques, combined with our caring and compassionate staff, work together to generate personalized attention and guaranteed progress. In turn, our partner schools' curricula and learning environments foster intensive collaboration, critical/creative thinking, and cultural and social immersion to enhance optimal adjustment and progress. In addition to academic performance, the well-being, safety, and cultural integration of each student is of utmost importance, and our dedicated staff works to develop a culturally and socially well-rounded individual. Throughout the student's stay, IEM acts in the best interest of the student and his or her academic success and cultural growth.

Why Do Parents Choose IEM?

At IEM, we understand that you take your child's success and development very seriously. We are committed to the fulfillment of each student's academic success and personal growth. We employ consistent, detailed, and effective communication with parents to share with you your child's progress. Our educational values of rigorous expectations and corrective student management ensure measurable results provided for you in quarterly reports and frequent communication and counseling. Interpreters are available to accurately and thoroughly convey the advancement of each student to his or her parents.

With over two decades of experience in the field of education, we work efficiently and effectively to streamline the admissions process, from visa and immigration preparation to orientation and designated guardianship. We administer a pre-placement assessment of each student to determine competency areas to which we may need to provide additional support. Our premier partner high schools offer a reliable pathway to top U.S. universities, and parents can feel assured that our partner high schools' rigorous, high level academic standards will prepare their children for exceptional education and a successful professional future.



Why Do Schools Partner with IEM?

Our international students enhance the cultural dynamic of classrooms within our partner high schools. IEM acts as a solid partner with these high schools to support its students with comprehensive services outside of the classroom. IEM assumes a high level of responsibility for each student, allowing the school to focus on its academic curriculum and uphold its policies and regulations. With a streamlined admissions process, and thorough document collection and verification, IEM assumes much of the work involved in bringing these international students from their home country and integrating them with their American peers. IEM brings to the table superior knowledge and expertise in international education to build a cohesive bond between the high schools, educators, parents, and students.



Why High School in San Diego, California?

The world's best springboard to an American university

The whole world loves California. As an international epicenter for the entertainment, information, technology, and educational industries, the State of California boasts an economy that is larger than most countries of the world. Our culturally diverse population reflects this cosmopolitan standing – living in the Golden State means embracing new ideas, people, foods, celebrations, and cultures on a daily basis. As such, studying in California provides a rich outside-the-classroom cultural education that helps lay the foundation for both collegiate and lasting professional success. Ultimately, such success can be leveraged not only here in America, but anywhere in the world.

Attending high school in California is in fact the world's best springboard to an American university education. International students who come here can choose from a variety of pathways that lead to a diversity of American colleges and universities. IEM brings unique expertise in helping students to choose, prepare for, and navigate the best pathway to college or university.

Quality of Life

Studies indicate that students who live in warm climates, and are happy at home, perform better at school, and are able to grow to the best of their ability.

California has a predominately warm Mediterranean climate, with surrounding landscapes that provide residents the opportunity to enjoy all four seasons. In many places in California it is quite possible to surf or swim in the ocean during the morning hours, hike scenic mountain trails in the afternoon, and enjoy dinner at a city café in the evening. From cool, ancient redwood forests to the windy peak of the tallest mountain in the USA to the hot deserts of Death Valley, California is a nature lover's paradise. Yet, at the same time, for the urbanite, California offers the glamor of Hollywood, the worldly sophistication of San Francisco, and the technology research enclaves of San Diego.

Educational Opportunity

According to US News & World Report, California is home to the highest number of top high schools and universities in the United States. Many of these top performing high schools are private educational facilities, which offer significantly lower teacher-to-student ratios and actively encourage students to take ownership of the learning process. IEM enjoys relationships with a full range of these leading private high schools, which place a significant number of students into four-year universities. In fact,

“My host family and teachers were amazing thanks to IEM for finding the right school and family for me. I loved studying in San Diego and would recommend this lovely city to any new coming student.”



*-Angelika Owczarek
Poland*

the transition from a California high school to an American university is an astonishingly smooth one – especially if using the California Community College system as a stepping stone to a California four-year university. The true advantage of a California high school education is the diversity of options available at every level of academic ability.

Safety of San Diego

IEM has chosen San Diego for its corporate headquarters and high school partnerships.

Of California’s three largest cities, San Diego is widely acknowledged as offering a slower pace of life enjoyed by a family-friendly population. San Diego residents are by and large accommodating to, and eager to help, international students who wish to make the most of their American education. We are proud that our educational partners and selected host families represent the best of this supportive “coastal” attitude and strive to provide a nurturing home for all of our international students.





Student Services

IEM student services extend an encouraging, comforting hand to all students, every step of the way

To any student or parent considering the transition from their home country to a United States high performing high school, the process appears promising and rewarding, but also lengthy and arduous. IEM understands that significant effort is required to agreeably and comfortably bring this international student to one of our partner high schools. With a knowledgeable and nurturing student services staff, IEM addresses every step of the transition process, offering exceptional support and satisfying results. Our detailed and thorough network of support, communication and expertise ensures successful transition, and alleviates stress for both parent and student. Our multifaceted student services are designed to guide you through recruitment to graduation and beyond.

Pre-Arrival Support

Our Admissions Process: IEM employs a holistic admissions process to bring together committed parents, their ambitious children, and our high-performing partner high schools. Students with proven academic aptitude are selected for our high school program through a multi-level and selective admissions process, involving an application, transcripts, interview, and personal essay.

Visa/Immigration Preparation: Once students are granted eligibility and admitted into the program, our staff works to thoroughly manage the visa and immigration preparation process as needed. IEM works directly with the

family or representative to collect all required visa, passport, and immigration documents so that no material lacks crucial information needed for a successful entry into the United States. With numerous years of experience, our student services staff will manage all required documents and support materials to admit students into the United States. Each student and his or her paperwork is handled individually, with care, and diligence.

Entry into the United States: We understand the concerns surrounding international travel, which is why we effectively facilitate each aspect of the journey. An IEM designated representative will be at the airport, in person, to pick up each student and take him or her to the homestay family. Once situated in the host family's home, each student will receive a full orientation and ongoing assistance with common, day-to-day tasks in adjusting to a new culture. Students will be shown everything from where they will go to school, what their typical daily schedule will entail, and how they can reach out for additional help. They will activate a cell phone and will be assisted with purchasing any needed items, such as school supplies, clothing, toiletries, etc. IEM addresses the personal and emotional needs of our students, and becomes responsible for them and their conduct. We take great care in taking full legal guardianship of our students so that we may continue the hard work, values, and efforts instilled by their parents, miles away from home.

Student Safety and Comfort

Our number one priority is the safety of all IEM students. Our parents abroad can rest assured that, as students' legal guardian, we go to whatever length necessary to ensure that each student is well-protected and comfortable within a safe and secure environment. We enforce clear guidelines for students, their host families, their school administrators, and our internal staff with regards to the well-being of our students. This is supported by a 24/7 help line and continuous internal reviews and audits as to how we can maintain and improve student safety.

Health Insurance: We understand that with physical distance between parent and student, many fears and unknowns may ensue. Parents can rest assured that their children will remain healthy and safe during their stay in the United States. Our comprehensive first-rate health insurance plan covers each student throughout the course of enrollment in our program, and offers a 24/7 emergency help line, 24/7 access to medical care, doctor visits, and medications.

Homestay Housing: IEM goes to whatever lengths necessary to guarantee that every student is safe and well-protected. Students are constantly surrounded by secure and comfortable environments, including our partner high school campus, classroom, tutoring centers, and host family home. Our homestay families are carefully screened and selected for their clean, safe, and comfortable living arrangements. Each member of the prospective family is background checked and interviewed by IEM staff. IEM delineates and enforces clear guidelines and policies for host families, students, and school administrators to ensure a healthy and safe welfare for our students, and reinforced piece of mind for the parents.



IEM student services ensures piece of mind, while offering quality and dedicated support for every student.



Student Services

IEM Parental Communications/Progress Reports: Although thousands of miles apart, parents play a crucial role in the development and success of their children. IEM encourages parents to remain involved and keep regular contact with their son or daughter. IEM establishes a continual, open line of communication between parents, IEM staff, homestay parents, and high school personnel. We offer frequent and comprehensive parental counseling, to help parents and students fully understand the challenges inherent in a cultural and educational transition. An interpreter is used in any interchange to translate both linguistic and cultural nuances. Quarterly progress reports are provided to the parents as proof that shows our success in delivering academic growth and achievement to each student. These reports will show grades and written evaluations as evidence of tangible success.

Cultural Growth

IEM embraces the multicultural flavor incoming students offer to US High School academic and social atmospheres. We understand that more than ideas are exchanged between peers; values, customs, and traditions are shared when international students are immersed in US schools. We treasure the fact that the sharing of cultures and experiences initiates friendships that grow throughout students' lives. A deep international network of global citizens connects our students and the peers they partner with throughout their high school and college careers.

Field Trips: IEM organizes field trips and extracurricular activities for students to participate in their new cultural surroundings. This is one of the best ways for students to experience true American life. Students enjoy places and activities such as the San Diego Zoo, Universal Studios, camping, hiking, BBQs on the beach, various cultural events, and much more.

IEM is acutely aware that incoming international students will have more goals than just receiving an American education.



From pre-departure to graduation, our students are enveloped in a deeply caring, nurturing, and supportive network. IEM's far-reaching Student Services do more than facilitate a move from an international country to American society and education; they seek to enrich the very fiber of personal, intellectual, and cultural growth and awareness in every individual student.

University Counseling

When the intense and competitive university application process begins, IEM is here to help our high school students maximize their admissions outcomes. If requested, IEM can work side-by-side with the partner school's academic advisors to help reach specific goals and targets. Every year, IEM organizes a university-planning workshop that focuses on areas such as test preparation, college essay writing, and how to stand out in university applications. Students are advised to

compose an impressive portfolio that showcases their individual and special achievements in high school, such as grades, test scores, academic and athletic awards, and letters of recommendation.

Over the years, IEM has set students out on the right foot to lead them toward acceptance into some of the top American colleges and Universities:

- Duke University
- Virginia Tech
- Penn State University
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Pittsburgh
- Drexel University
- Baylor University
- Purdue University
- Pepperdine University
- Boston University
- Fordham University





Our Students

Diverse in backgrounds and cultures yet united in goals and values

IEM extends its reach all over the world. Our recruitment model is open to a range of countries, and our program proves successful through our intense management of and focus on diverse cultural transitions. We bring students from all over the world to study at U.S. high schools and this results in a richly diversified educational environment.

IEM possesses the knowledge and cultural sensitivities needed to incorporate international students into American schools. Our students gain a once-in-a-lifetime experience combined with sense of familiarity, as they enter a new land and culture with a group of peers from their home country. Even if arriving alone, students soon realize that American schools embrace cultural varieties, and they quickly find integrating in school life to be an exciting, fulfilling endeavor.

Whether from a global metropolitan city, or a tight-knit rural community, the IEM student serves as a great candidate in representing their own customs, traditions, and values. We understand that, in addition



to cultural qualities, every student embodies a unique, colorful personality. A typical IEM student is highly motivated and passionate about acquiring an outstanding American education. Our students are hardworking, creative, and curious about academia and the world around them. They are open-minded and enthusiastic towards their peer groups, and they excel far beyond the classroom. They offer a high level of dedication to every task and challenge, whether it be creating a science experiment, entering a spelling bee, or competing in a relay race. These strengths, accommodated and garnered through the IEM program, prove advantageous throughout their educational and professional lives.

"IEM has been a great help to me in my life in the U.S. I am really glad to have IEM as my guardian."

- Yuanping Song



Meet Yuanping Song

Yuanping is from the city of Shanghai in China. He is currently a freshman at La Jolla Country Day School. Yuanping is an ambitious student who currently holds strong academic status. He isn't your average teenager, as his favorite sport is cross-country, and his favorite subject is history. He loves playing the saxophone, and hopes to continue playing through college, perhaps at one of the schools in the University of California system. Yuanping really loved the warm and friendly reception from his American classmates and teachers when arriving at La Jolla Country Day School. He was especially pleased with the close attention provided by his cross-country team and coaches.



Pre-High School Program

Getting a head start to academic excellence

Personalized Attention

IEM's Pre-High School Program is designed to assist international students in acquiring the language skills needed to succeed academically, develop the social skills required to adjust and adapt to a new culture, and provide the tools necessary for dealing with the emotional stress of living in a new environment.

Students typically begin the Pre-High School Program six to eight weeks prior to the first day of class at the IEM partner high schools. This program is offered at IEM's Q International School that features extensive school facilities and is located in the heart of San Diego's Little Italy. With fifteen classrooms, a state-of-the-art computer lab and official TOEFL iBT testing center, a large community space and kitchen, the services and opportunities available to students are unparalleled.



Upon an in-depth assessment of the students' English language skills, they are placed in Core Skill and Elective classes. The Core Skill classes include speaking & listening, reading & writing. The Elective classes focus on different areas from high school vocabulary, grammar, and presentations to American life skills, physical education, and academic lab. All classes are taught by devoted experts and certified instructors who are committed to student success every step of the way.

A typical schedule for a Pre-High School Program looks like this:

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:00 am - 10:40 am | English Listening & Speaking Skills |
| 10:40 am - 10:50 am | Break |
| 10:50 am - 12:30 pm | English Reading & Writing Skills |
| 12:30 pm - 1:10 pm | Lunch Break |
| 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm | High School Subject Class |
| 2:00 pm - 2:10 pm | Break |
| 2:10 pm - 3:00 pm | High School Vocabulary Class |
| 3:00 pm - 3:10 pm | Break |
| 3:10 pm - 4:00 pm | Workshops / Activities |

The program also includes well-organized, fun-filled activities and excursions in and around beautiful San Diego, special events, and tutoring as needed. A great emphasis is placed on multicultural immersion through daily interaction with students from all corners of the globe, including Saudi Arabia, Japan, Russia, Korea, Brazil, Spain, Mexico, Italy, and France, to name a few.

To receive maximum benefit from the IEM High School Program, we recommend that all students enroll in the Pre-High School Program. It is carefully designed to help each individual student make a smooth transition to a new culture, increase English proficiency, learn new life and study skills, and gain confidence to succeed in an American high school.

To learn more about IEM's Q International School, visit www.qschool.edu.



Intensified study skills and test taking strategies



Enhanced cultural, communicative, and social familiarity



Heightened reading and writing comprehension



Effective communication and oral presentation skills





Our Schools

IEM partner schools share one goal: to enrich the learning outcomes, leadership, lives of every student

IEM is proud to work with a range of excellent high schools in San Diego that can accommodate students at every level of academic ability and aspiration. Each of our placement high schools offers its own unique flavor, from nationally recognized college preparatory private schools to cutting-edge public charter high schools to religiously-affiliated schools to schools for the gifted and talented who have experienced difficulties succeeding in traditional school settings. This range of school offerings sets IEM apart from all other competitors in our industry, and ensures that our students are able to choose the optimal path toward their full potential.

All IEM partner placement schools are WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited, and several are members of the National Association of Independent Schools. Our partner high schools feature driven instructors who employ the latest and most innovative teaching strategies, small teacher to student ratios, state-of-the-art technology, and open and creative curriculum.

Each school addresses its students' distinctive strengths, developing unique teaching methods and activities to encourage deeper understanding and richer development. Our partner high schools understand that, these

days, it is not enough to develop academic excellence. In order to be successful in school and life, students must develop as well-rounded individuals and citizens. Our high schools encourage students to be life-long learners and leaders who operate with ambition, compassion, and integrity.

Extracurricular Activities

Values and ideas introduced in the classroom are best grasped when directly applied in daily life and social interactions. If an instructor wants to communicate the importance of diplomacy, inclusion, and conflict resolution, what better way to reinforce these ideas than to provide challenging yet rewarding group activities outside of the classroom? Fun and stimulating team building events such as camping,



dances, barbeques, chorus, yearbook writing, photography, and performing arts are part of school culture. In addition, athletic activities are plentiful and may include soccer, basketball, softball, lacrosse, cross country, volleyball, and tennis. Athletic and extracurricular participation is a vital part of every student's experience within our partner high schools.

Quality of Instruction

Although our partner placement schools are diverse, one thing that ties them together is their high quality of instruction. Many IEM partner school instructors hold PhDs from leading American programs and are fully devoted to their student's success. It is fair to say that across all of our schools we are fortunate to feature instructors who not only take great pride in their work, but also enjoy the freedom to pursue innovative educational techniques, while at the same time delivering consistent results. The student to teacher ratio across all of our schools is excellent and one-to-one guidance is part of the classroom experience.

Beautiful Facilities

Many of the facilities at our partner schools are extraordinarily modern, and even rival local college campuses in terms of their amenities. From newly constructed athletic complexes to expansive libraries and cafeterias to digitally-enhanced classrooms and first-rate performing arts studios, our partner schools are at the forefront of educational infrastructure. Many of our partner schools' campuses are designed to be open and interactive, to facilitate the exchange of ideas and an supportive, inclusive community. Common study, meeting, and dining areas are expansive and accessible to students so they feel like a crucial part of the community. Teacher areas are in close proximity to student study and recreational areas, to increase the collaboration amongst staff and students. In addition, many of our partner campuses enable students to be responsible global citizens and offer green technology and schoolwide recycling programs.





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