

Dear International Students and Parents,

Congratulations and welcome to Berkshire! I am delighted that you have chosen to join our community and look forward to welcoming you in person in August during our New International Student Orientation.

The following is a time line of what you can expect to receive and/or occur before your student's arrival and the beginning of classes in September.

May/June

1. The Department Chairs and the Director of the International Student Program review the files of newly enrolled students and place students in appropriate courses.
2. Students and Parents receive a **welcome letter from the Dean of Academics with information on the Summer Reading Program.**
3. Students and parents receive a **Proposed Course of Study** based on the recommendations made by the various Department Chairs and the Director of the International Student Program.
4. **In the Proposed Course of Study, students learn in which courses they have been placed and may be asked to make choices among certain courses.** Keep in mind that English, Math, and Science courses are determined **only** by the Department Chair, and ultimately after a conversation during orientation. Enrollment in Advanced courses and AP courses depends on meeting specific criteria set by each Academic Department and requires the permission of the Department Chair. Obtaining permission to enroll in these courses occurs during the New International Student Orientation in August.
5. **Parents are asked to confirm the Proposed Course of Study by a specific date.**
6. Parents receive access to Magnus Health portal with **completed medical examination forms due by July 1.** Parents receive information regarding **required Health Forms, Physical Examination & Immunizations. The state of Massachusetts requires that students have a complete physical examination and have obtained certain vaccinations.**

July

1. **Parents receive**
 - a. **Instructions on how to access the parent portal and complete the online forms necessary for enrollment.**
 - b. information regarding assistance with arrival at Berkshire.
 - c. an invitation to a welcome dinner for International Students and Families.

During July and August

New parents are contacted by a current parent at Berkshire to welcome the family and to answer any questions parents may have.

Middle to Late August

Students receive information regarding roommate assignments.

August/September

1. Students receive room assignments and move into their dorm on August 29.
2. August 29-31: New International Orientation includes:
 - a. Welcome dinner for students and parents to meet advisors (on Wednesday night)
 - b. Reception for students and parents
 - c. Shopping trip to a mall for students and interested parents (on Thursday afternoon)
 - d. Orientation meetings for new international students
 - e. English assessment given to determine current language proficiency for placement in appropriate English course.
 - f. Individual meetings with the Chairs of the Math and Science Departments to finalize placement in Math and Science courses.
 - g. Receiving a completed schedule with courses listed
3. September 1-3: New Student Orientation (all new students – domestic and international)
4. September 4: Classes Begin