



ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

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THE HARKER SCHOOL

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The Harker School has earned a worldwide reputation for being among the finest schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Harker prepares students to attend the best colleges and universities in the world. Each summer, Harker offers special programs for international students interested in improving their English proficiency skills, often to prepare them to attend American boarding schools or international schools worldwide.

Our English Language Institute offers elementary and secondary divisions with the choice of a four- or two-week sessions. Both sessions provide maximum opportunity for students to learn, practice and enhance their English skills. At the end of the four-week session, students receive an English proficiency certificate based upon academic performance and progress. A comprehensive teacher report and recommendations are provided to all students.

In addition to the intensive academic curriculum we also offer a VIP tour package. Students follow a specialized course of study to continue developing reading, writing and speaking ability while they visit university campuses, Silicon Valley businesses, fun places of interest and treasured California landmarks.

"Darren joined a new school and is performing great. I will continue to sign him up for ELI this coming summer to enhance his academic progression".

—Frank Lu, Taiwan '16, '17, '18



English Language Institute



Our two divisions offer multiple levels of academic instruction on two separate campuses. Classes are carefully designed for international students to accelerate language skill acquisition. The challenging learning environment combines traditional and contemporary instruction in small class sizes.

CORE AREAS OF STUDY:

Speaking • Reading Comprehension • Listening • Vocabulary • Grammar • Writing and Composition

Daily homework, cross-curricular elective subjects, and regular interactions with native speakers inspire students and offer the very best opportunity to improve English skills. Our goal is to create a meaningful learning environment that is challenging but not stressful. All students are evaluated and placed in appropriate skill levels on the first day.

SECONDARY DIVISION - MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS (AGES 11-16)

INTERMEDIATE

Students work in small groups following a curriculum designed to match instruction to individual needs and English ability. Lessons are engaging, interactive and carefully constructed to instill confidence and promote improvements in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Each day, ELI staff will support the acceleration of students' English and social skills with events, activities and programs that encourage purposeful interactions with our American students. Classes meet Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. From 4-5 p.m., students have the opportunity to be engaged with local students on a variety of activities, such as sports, games, and arts and crafts.

ADVANCED PREPARATION

Students who possess advanced English skills have the opportunity to enroll in regular summer classes where students can engage with local peers. Students will further develop mastery in writing, comprehension and oral presentation. Native "conversation partners" are part of the advanced classroom, where students can engage in academic discussions, review their writing and language projects, collaboratively work on assignments, work on their homework and receive personal assistance as needed.

Contact Joe Chung at joe.chung@harker.org for test preparation information.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION - LOWER SCHOOL CAMPUS (AGES 6-10)

This program, offered on our lower school campus, provides a dynamic and age-appropriate learning environment for younger students. Through skill-based, leveled instruction and a stimulating curriculum, a variety of meaningful language and social skills are developed. Classes meet Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In the afternoons, students have the opportunity to be integrated in the Camp+ program activities. They will also be allowed to participate in Special Interest time from 4-5 p.m., which allows additional opportunities to play with local kids.

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Students receive specialized instruction and focus on oral fluency, listening, reading and writing skills. The classroom environment and teaching methodology is age- and level-appropriate and takes advantage of many on-campus resources such as the library, computer labs, music room, art room and activity areas. Students are evaluated and placed into levels that best suit their needs.

Afternoon Activities

BOTH CAMPUSES

After a full day of instruction, students will have opportunities to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. During this time students will practice their English with native speakers, learn and play traditional American games and engage in additional study sessions. Recreational activities are an important component of our program, as students gain opportunities to practice speaking through casual and friendly interactions. Opportunities for elective classes and recreational activities are extensive and can include various activities, sports, arts and much more!



Academic Field Trips

A rich curriculum includes culturally themed field trips to support the classroom learning. Native English speakers join these weekly excursions to engage ELI students in conversation and language activities. These genuine cross-cultural interactions provide meaningful real-life opportunities for practicing English.

FIELD TRIPS MAY INCLUDE:

- Happy Hollow Zoo
- San Francisco
- Santa Cruz
- Academy of Sciences
- San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation

"I think Harker ELI is one of California's hidden treasures"

— Nick Zhang,
parent of Alexa Zhang '17, '18

Accommodation

ELI is a day-only program. Harker does not provide housing for students. Students must have a parent or local guardian accompany them during the entire summer session. Options for housing include:

STAY IN LOCAL APARTMENTS

The Harker School maintains relationships with local apartments to offer quality accommodations for families at specially discounted rates. Please check our website or contact us for the most up-to-date information.

- TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 440 Saratoga Avenue • San Jose, CA 95117

STAY WITH LOCAL GUARDIAN

Students may stay in the area with family or friends acting as their local guardians. Many of our families have local relatives or friends and make their own arrangements for accommodations. Furthermore, our relationship with a globally respected homestay organization can place students with local English-speaking host families.

VIP Tour (one week)

For the VIP Tour, learning hits the road. Our middle school students will travel to amazing places full of irresistible fun and memorable adventures. This year's destinations have been carefully chosen to deepen cultural knowledge, experience the Bay Area, forge closer relationships with peers, and most importantly, provide enormous opportunity for continued English language development.

Each day's adventure will explore another part of the vibrant Bay area, which includes a visit to top universities. Centered as we are in the heart of Silicon Valley, no VIP Tour is complete without visits to some of the world's biggest technology companies. Learning insights from experts in a variety of businesses might inspire the next superstar entrepreneur.

"The VIP Tour was so much fun!"

— Tadashi Torigoe, Japan '14, '15, '16 and '17

Possible locations:

- Google/Apple headquarters tour
- Stanford/Santa Clara tours
- Tech/Intel Museum
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- SF (Golden Gate/Alcatraz)



Course Offerings & Session Fees

SESSION & FEES

TWO-WEEK SESSION

July 1-12 (9 days)

\$2,475

TWO-WEEK SESSION

July 15-26 (10 days)

\$2,750

TWO-WEEK SESSION + VIP WEEK

July 15-26

(VIP week July 29- August 2)

\$5,200

FOUR-WEEK SESSION

July 1-26 (20 days)

\$4,975

FOUR-WEEK SESSION + VIP WEEK

July 1-26

(VIP week July 29- August 2)

\$7,425



Admission Process

Students who are admitted to the English Language Institute come highly recommended, display an excellent record of behavior and are motivated to learn. Classes are small and teachers provide outstanding instruction, personalized learning, individualized support and comprehensive evaluation. Students must meet age requirements as of June 28, 2024 with acceptance ONLY confirmed with the completion of all application documents. Students who do not meet academic or behavioral expectations will be removed from the program. The Harker School has firm standards of behavior and clear academic expectations. Students who fail to disclose vital academic, personal and social-emotional learning concerns during admission or fail to meet the standards set forth in our ELI handbook will be removed from the program without refund.

Elementary Division students are aged between 6 and 10 years old.

Secondary Division students are aged between 11 and 16 years old.

Application Requirements

Required forms for admission consideration:

- Online application
- Teacher recommendation (English teacher)
- School transcript or most recent grade report
- Student writing sample and questionnaire
- Behavior contract

Please visit our website at www.harker.org/ELI to start your application and to download the required forms.

APPLICATION DATES

Applications are accepted beginning Jan. 29, 2024. Due to small class sizes and limited enrollment space, early application is highly encouraged.

A \$300 deposit is required with application and is non-refundable/transferrable. Deposit amounts will be deducted from the program fees. Full payment is due by May 3, 2024.



"I am much more confident in speaking after two brilliant summers at ELI."

—Nicolay Rukavishnikova, Russia '15, '16



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