

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



## » INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT-A-GLANCE



7

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

5

CONTINENTS  
REPRESENTED



12%

OF THE STUDENT BODY  
ARE INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS

16%

OF OUR BOARDERS  
ARE INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Marvelwood offers a welcoming, supportive, and culturally rich environment for international students—from language instruction and cultural exchange on campus to a dedicated faculty liaison for students and parents.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

- » **A True Boarding Experience:** 85% of Marvelwood's student population is boarding. This means that every day of the week, international students enjoy a robust residential experience. And with 26 faculty living on campus, there's always a trusted adult nearby.
- » **A Network of Support:** We have a dedicated Faculty Liaison for international students in addition to advisors, teachers, dorm parents, counselors, ESL instructors, and peers who all work together to make sure every international student feels seen, supported, and successful.
- » **Support for English Language Learners:** Our three-tiered ESL program meets students where they are—helping them grow their confidence and thrive in every class.
- » **Celebrating Culture:** From international dinners to student showcases, we embrace and celebrate global traditions throughout the year.
- » **Round Square Membership:** As part of this international network, our campus welcomes exchange students from other countries throughout the year, providing all students with increased exposure to a broad range of international perspectives.
- » **Easy Access to the World:** Located just two hours from New York City, Marvelwood is close to major airports and train lines—making travel simple and safe.



## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Marvelwood's ESL program is designed to help non-native English speakers thrive—both in the classroom and in the broader boarding school experience. Through a warm, supportive approach and thoughtfully leveled instruction, students build the communication skills they need to succeed academically and socially.

Small classes at the elementary and intermediate levels allow teachers to tailor lessons to each student's strengths, challenges, and learning style. Whether students are brand new to English or building on a solid foundation, they're placed where they'll grow best.

The curriculum is dynamic and interactive, with a focus on real-life communication. Students collaborate in pairs and groups, give oral presentations, and engage with computer-based language tools. ESL classes move at a pace that's just right—fast when possible, slower when needed—always with the goal of helping students become confident, capable communicators in all aspects of school life.

Marvelwood's ESL teachers bring creativity and real-world relevance to the classroom. One day might include a debate or group discussion; the next, a hands-on cultural experience. Students have the chance to live what they're learning—whether it's carving jack-o'-lanterns in the fall, making maple syrup in a sugaring shack, softening deer hide in a longhouse, or snapping photos in front of the Statue of Liberty.

And it's not just about learning American culture—it's about sharing their own. International students enrich campus life by teaching classmates about their home countries through food, music, art, and stories. From international dinners to off-campus meals at restaurants with international cuisine, Marvelwood celebrates the diverse voices that make up its global community.



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