

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FROM CHINA

1. Who is considered an applicant from China?

Each year, our goal is to construct a well-rounded class with students from diverse backgrounds. We will look closely at the educational background that each student brings to the WRA classroom. Therefore, regardless of whether an applicant has a green card or a passport other than PRC, if the student has received the majority of his or her education from a Chinese school, public or private, that applicant is considered an applicant from China.

If an applicant has received the majority of his or her education from an international school in China which only admits non-Chinese passport holders, he or she will be considered non-Chinese.

If an applicant with a PRC passport has attended a school in the US for a minimum of three years immediately prior to attending high school, he or she will not be considered a Chinese applicant.

2. Test Requirement:

One of the following test is required.

SSAT test is required. WRA's school code is 8110.

ISEE test is required. WRA's ISEE school code is 362655

Chinese Applicants are also required to submit an official score report for one of the following English proficiency exams.

TOEFL, DUOLINGO or IELTS.

WRA's TOEFL school code is 8115

3. WRA's interview process:

We are excited to get to know each of our applicants individually. As a first step, we encourage you to sign up for an interview with our partner InitialView. InitialView will have an informal conversation with you and send us a copy of the recording, along with a writing sample. Admission Directors at Western Reserve Academy will review the interview and writing sample to get to know you better.

4. How to apply WRA?

WRA uses the following portals.

- **You need to start an online account on SSAT.** Fill out the basic information. Pay for the application fee.

5. Material Submission:

All application materials must be received by February 14th in order for an application to be considered complete.

You may check the status of your application on SSAT. If there is something missing, we will contact you. **It is extremely important that you put on your application a working email address which you will check daily.**

If you have any urgent inquiry, please contact Wechat ID: LiLY432192

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Is WRA mainly a day school or boarding school?
 - WRA is mainly a boarding school with close to 65% of our students living on campus. The entire school program is designed for boarding students. It is also a co-ed school with nearly the same number of boys and girls.
- How many Chinese students are you going to admit for school year 2023-2024?
 - We are going to admit 10 students, 8 into 9th grade and 2 into 10th grade. It will be an even number of girls and boys.
- Do you offer ESL classes?
 - No
- Do you admit students for Spring semester?
 - No
- What is the admit rate?
 - Around 5%
- Will there be spaces for 11th grade and 12th?
 - It is possible that we may have a space for a Chinese student entering grade 11. We don't admit Chinese students into 12th grade or for a post-graduate year.
- How do I schedule a campus visit?
 - You may email our admission office (admission@wra.net) to schedule a virtual campus visit.
- How do I prepare for the virtual interview?
 - **Be yourself.** It is to your benefit to showcase your true self. Being overly prepared for your interview can only hurt you. Don't try to say what you think the interviewer wants to hear. Show your uniqueness! Be honest!
- When will admission decisions be announced?
 - Admission decisions will be sent via email around March 8th, 2024.