

All deadlines are firm; applications submitted after a deadline will be placed at the bottom of the selection list, regardless of the student's grade level.

2008 IMMERSION INFORMATION FORM

Financial Aid Application Deadline: Friday, OCTOBER 5, 2007 by 3:30

Immersion Application Deadline: Tuesday, OCTOBER 9, 2007 by 3:30

Below are the programs offered for Immersion, 2008. Please identify your first three choices after carefully reviewing the course descriptions on the Immersion web page, which is located on the MVS web at: <http://www.mvschool.com/expLearn/upperSchool.php>. Students and parents must sign this form before it will be considered complete. Upon completion, please submit the form to your academic advisor for final signature.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Cost</u>
*Art in the Apple: NYC and the Visual & Performing Arts	\$1,750	*Nature Writing: A Sense of Place	\$800
*American Roots Music	\$800	Adventure In Sustainability: New Zealand	\$3,400
*Civil Rights	\$1,200	*Song Craft	\$200
*Criminal Justice	\$450	Stepping Up	\$400
*Dancing with the Stars MVS Style	\$750	Stepping Out (9 th Grade)	\$600
Destination America	\$2,750	*Stitches & Art	\$300-700
*Filmmaker	\$75	*Swamp Study	\$1,900
Footsteps of Buddha	\$4,500-5,000		
*Geek	\$250-700		
*Hawaii	\$3,500		
Independent Immersion	\$35		

***Sophomores** are eligible for these program offerings. The Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) will be taken during the mornings of the week of March 10-14, 2008, after which students will return to their Immersion groups.

*Any student hoping to travel internationally should apply for his or her passport immediately! Non-US citizens should investigate visa requirements.

The selection process for Immersion program placements pays *very* close attention to the written student goals, outlooks, and pre-planning articulated in each Immersion application.

- Students should dedicate equal and genuine time to addressing each of their three Immersion requests. Separate sheets of paper can be attached to the form.
- If a student is proposing an Independent Immersion, that option must be designated as the student's first choice, due to the necessary details in planning

(by the student and the Independent Study Committee) a successful Independent project.

- While “seniority” might be an aspect considered in the Immersion placement process, it is not the most important priority. Students should include persuasive details in each of their written requests.

PAYMENT POLICIES/PROCEDURES and REFUNDS:

The MVS business office will bill parents directly for the cost of Immersion programs.

Group Immersion Payments:

- Programs under \$500 – full payment due November 16, 2007
- Programs over \$500 – 50% of amount due November 16, 2007 and 50% due January 11, 2008.

The final billing will not exceed the upper limit presented in the description of the Immersion program, and in some case, may be less.

Independent Immersion Charge:

There will be a \$35 charge, billed by the school, to cover administrative costs and support by the advisor assigned to each Independent Immersion. The payment date will be November 16, 2007.

Refunds:

Immersion planning and cost is made by faculty facilitators based upon anticipated enrollment. The cost of an Immersion and/or an Immersion trip is frequently figured on a group basis with the cost per student determined by the number of participants. Any change in the number of participants may raise the cost of the trip for the remaining individuals.

No changes in Immersion enrollment may be made after **Friday, November 2, 2007**. Only on rare occasions, due to significant extenuating circumstances which must be stated in a letter to the Head of the Upper School and the Headmaster for review, will changes be considered. Consideration will be given to the individual circumstance as well as to the effect a program change will have on the Immersion groups involved. Any refund made may be adjusted to ensure the full participation of others in the already approved Immersion offerings. Finally, in those situations where the total cost of the program is less than anticipated, the school will either credit the family’s school account or issue a refund directly to the family, following the completion of the Immersion.

Financial Aid:

Income from the Thomas N. Elmer Immersion Endowment Fund is made available annually to students who wish to pursue an Immersion option that would otherwise be denied them due to cost. Understand, there are currently very “limited” funds available; therefore, such requests should be made accordingly. Request for the complete cost (or significant percentage of higher cost Immersion programs) of any Immersion will not likely be awarded. Upon reviewing the requests, the Head of the Upper School will

determine the size and number of awards to be presented each year. As this fund continues to grow, more requests can be granted.

The family (including the student) applying for financial aid for Immersion offerings is asked to complete the Immersion Financial Aid Request Form, including a written letter addressing the purpose and importance of participation in the requested Immersion offerings. Please indicate in sufficient detail what portion of the total Immersion expense the student (with the family) is able to contribute, making special mention of the efforts the student has undertaken in planning towards Immersion costs. Students are encouraged to earn at least a portion of the cost of their programs.

Awarded financial aid funds will be transferred and credited directly to the Immersion program selected, in the student's name.

In the event of an unanticipated circumstance a student is unable to pursue the Immersion program for which he or she received financial aid, the student will meet with the Head of the Upper School to determine a second choice and ascertain whether the award may be applied to that offering.

Deadlines

Financial Aid Requests, signed by parent and student, are due **Monday, October 5, 2007 and must be returned to the upper school office by 3:30.**

Immersion Application Forms, signed by parent, student, and advisor must be returned to the student's advisor by **Tuesday, October 9, 2007, by 3:30.** The advisor will turn the complete forms into the US Office.

Immersion Open House:

Students and teachers will share the accomplishments of each program at Immersion Open House for parents on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 7:00PM. Student attendance is required.