

# Kennedy Krieger School Programs for International Students with Special Needs

## An Overview

Kennedy Krieger School Programs for International Students with Special Needs follows guidelines established by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), a division of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

At Kennedy Krieger School Programs, parents and caregivers will find a range of educational programs and services for children ages 5-21 with mild to severe special education needs. These programs and services are offered through our internationally recognized day school programs in Baltimore City and Montgomery County, Maryland.

The admissions officer works closely with international families seeking admission for their children. We make the process convenient and user-friendly, with Skype interviews, email communication, sharing of videos taken in the students' current homes/schools, and electronic exchange of important documents. Upon acceptance into one of our programs, Kennedy Krieger will issue a Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status, also called Form I-20. The I-20 will allow families to apply for a student visa. Go to [ice.gov/sevis/students](http://ice.gov/sevis/students) for more information.

## Policies and Procedures for Application and Enrollment

Throughout the admissions process, the parent/guardian is encouraged to communicate with the admissions officer to ask questions, express concerns, and maintain a mutually supportive relationship.

## Application Process

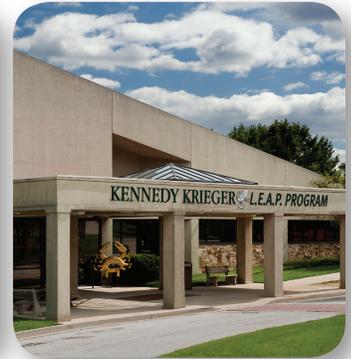
For the parent/guardian of an international student to apply to Kennedy Krieger School Programs, the following steps usually occur:

1. **Exchange of Demographic Information:** Send an email to [internationalstudent@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:internationalstudent@kennedykrieger.org) with the following information:

- **Parent/Guardian**
  - Name
  - Relationship to student
  - Country of citizenship



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- Mailing address
- Phone number (indicate if mobile or landline)
- Email address
- **Student**
  - Name
  - Date of birth (DOB)
  - Current school
  - Grade
  - Disability
- Five to seven sentences describing what kind of school program you are looking for.

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**2. Completion of Parent Survey:** Upon receipt of email, the parent must complete a comprehensive survey, which allows for a detailed description of the child's areas of strengths and needs. This survey gives the parent/guardian a chance to provide individualized information and indicate what goals they wish the child to achieve.

**3. Documentation of Disability:** The parent/guardian will be asked to send as many of the following documents as are available for Kennedy Krieger's review:

- Copy of passport with picture
- Proof of medical immunizations
- Medical evaluation documenting disability
- Educational and psychological reports, including, but not limited to:
  - Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
  - Cognitive assessment
  - Evaluation reports in areas such as educational achievement, functional behavior assessment, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, etc.
  - Video clips that show the child in home, school, and community settings

**4. Review Process:** Our admissions officer will share the records with highly qualified special educators, psychologists, pediatricians, psychiatrists, and related services providers. After review, the specialists will sit as a transdisciplinary team to determine if your child may benefit from evidence-based interventions. If the team agrees, we will move on to the next step of the admissions process.

**5. Family Interview:** If the family is not able to interview in person, we can communicate via Skype or some other form of conference call. If an interview is conducted via teleconference, our staff also has the opportunity to observe your child in real time. The interview is crucial, as we are able to learn specifically what a child needs from the parents' perspective.

The interview is the last step in the application process.

## Acceptance Package

**1. Once your child has been accepted, the following procedures apply:**

- A letter of acceptance will be sent electronically.
- Along with the letter of acceptance is a contract, which must be signed and returned.
- A parent must submit proof that sufficient funds are available to pay tuition monthly, by semester, or yearly.

## 2. I-20

Next, we issue the "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status," otherwise known as the I-20. This form allows you to apply for a student visa for your child. Please go to [ice.gov/sevis/students](http://ice.gov/sevis/students) to learn more about the visa process.

## Additional Information

### Tuition and Fees

Kennedy Krieger maintains multiple school programs in order to meet the needs of each student. As the child's educational needs become more apparent, the admissions team will select a placement that will offer the best fit. At this point, tuition information will be provided. The family should, however, feel free to discuss tuition rates at any time.



## Contact Information

Phone: 1-443-923-7800 x37780

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Kennedy Krieger Institute recognizes and respects the rights of patients and their families and treats them with courtesy and dignity. Care is provided in a manner that preserves cultural, psychosocial, spiritual and personal values, beliefs, and preferences. We encourage patients and families to become active partners in their care by asking questions, requesting resources, and advocating for the services and support they need.



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