



## International Student Q&A

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### Frequently asked questions:

**Q. How do I pay for tuition and is it the same system as a domestic student?**

A. *International tuition must be paid in one installment **due August 1<sup>st</sup>** before the fall semester begins. For spring enrollment, the payment is due **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. The family can send the fees via a bank wire system, by bank check or by credit card, however there will be a service charge for the credit card.*

**Q. What's the school wiring information?**

A. **Account Name:** Jacques Ribet Education Inc. DBA Ribet Academy  
*First Republic Bank, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94111*  
**Main Account:** #8000408212  
**ABA:** FW321081669  
**Swift Code:** FRBBUS6S  
*(Please include the student's name in the wire.)*

**Q. What time do lessons start and finish everyday?**

A. *School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. daily.*

**Q. When will the school start for 2015-2016?**

A. *Spring starts January 26<sup>th</sup>, and Fall starts September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.*

**Q Other than the fees/expenses listed on the website (See 2-Ribet Registraion on our website) is there any other expenses that may accrue?**

A. *A family should plan to allow \$300 to \$500 per month in additional expense money. The first month is the most expensive; the student will need to purchase uniforms and books when they first arrive. This could be \$300-\$400 for uniforms and also the same for books (the amount of the expense depends on the student's grade level and their course load).*

**Q. How can students get medical insurance?**

A. *Students are responsible for purchasing their medical insurance. Below are names of insurance companies you may contact to meet Ribet Academy's requirement for "International Student Medical Insurance". Ribet Academy does not endorse any of the below agencies.*

- *United Healthcare (Lamp) [healthcare@lampinsurance.com](mailto:healthcare@lampinsurance.com)*
- *ISO Student Health Insurance [www.isoa.org](http://www.isoa.org)*
- *ACI Insurance Inc. [www.visit-aci.com](http://www.visit-aci.com)*

*These are just a few of the International Student Medical Insurance agencies. You may also search on the web for "International Student Medical Insurance" to find many additional options.*

**Q. How does the school inform the parents about grades, student progress, etc.?**



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A. *Ribét uses a web-based software program called RenWeb that allows families to access their student's information and progress. The family must provide their email address to be linked to the student's records.*

**Q. How many long holidays do the students have?**

A. *The Winter Break (December) is usually two weeks, Spring Break (April) is one week. The students are allowed to leave the United States over the two-week Winter Break (December) or during the Spring Break (1<sup>st</sup> day of the break till the morning of the day before school starts).*

**Q. It seems that the school will help the student to find the host family. What are the criteria of the host family to be selected?**

A. *Our International Admissions Director oversees the Host Family program. Applicants fill out a questionnaire and there is a home visit to determine eligibility for becoming a host family. The families who host are predominantly ones who have (or have had) children at the school and also relatives or friends of Ribét families. Each person over 18 years of age family must have a Live Scan background check as well.*

**Q. Will it be far between the host family and the school? What is the maximum traveling time from the host family to the school? Can Ribét be reached by bus?**

A. *Most host families live within 15-20 minutes of school. There is a city bus stop at the corner by Ribét, and students can usually find bus routes that they can easily access. We do not recommend using the mass transit system after dark or without a friend. The transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the host family.*

**Q. Do you have a dormitory facility on the campus?**

A. *Ribét has a newly renovated facility with a full kitchen, dining room, social recreation room, and laundry facility. The fees for double placement are the same per month as the Host Family fees.*

**Q. Who will be the local contact person or will the school contact the parents directly?**

A. *We will contact parents directly if they request that we do, or if there is an urgent situation, which requires us to do so. The International Director or the International Agency representing the student will contact the family on a case-by-case basis regarding grades, etc.*

**Q. When parents come to visit the student, will the school help them to find accommodations during their visit or is there any information that the school will provide to the parents?**

A. *Los Angeles is a city where the accommodations are plentiful! It is extremely easy to access available accommodation information through the Internet. Ribet Academy does not schedule these accommodations for the parents.*

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

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