

STUDENT-ATHLETE TRANSITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

To give new non-native speaking students a head start on their adjustment to the academic life and environment at IMG Academy.

GOALS:

1. Develop and strengthen general, academic, and content-specific vocabulary
2. Develop and strengthen vocabulary and communication skills needed for sport
3. Build awareness of expectations in the classroom (i.e. participation, collaboration)
4. Promote understanding of IMG's academic and campus life regulations
5. Prepare students for the school's English placement tests

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

1. Initial assessment of English knowledge and skills
2. For students at lower levels of English:
 - a. Classroom vocabulary
 - b. Sport vocabulary
 - c. Math vocabulary
 - d. Basic communication skills for school, campus life, and sport
3. For students at higher levels of English:
 - a. Sport vocabulary (as needed)
 - b. Content-specific vocabulary for math, science and social studies
4. Introduction to American culture
5. Overview of academic and campus life policies and procedures
6. Speaking and writing practice for the English placement tests

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:

1. Time to adjust to the new environment and activities, acclimate to the weather, and recuperate from travel and potential jetlag
2. More accurate placement in English classes, which helps to streamline the path to mainstream classes
3. Built-in support system as students enter the academic year

IMG Academy is thrilled to offer this unique opportunity, as this 3-week program will be sure to enhance each child's experience and make it positive from day one.

