

Key Dates & Requirements for F-1 / J-1 Students 2026–2027 School Year

International students attending CMS on an F-1 or J-1 visa must follow specific enrollment timelines. Please review the key dates and requirements below carefully to ensure continued compliance with district procedures.

J-1 Applicants

Exchange Program Certification Deadline	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Exchange Program Coordinator Virtual Orientation	Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @10:00 am Thursday, May 7, 2026 @10:00 am
Application Period	May 8, 2026 - Jul 10, 2026
School placement notification	Friday, July 24, 2026
Orientation: Meet Your PDSO, DSO, and School Contact	TBD
First Day of School	Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Semester 1 End Date	Thursday, January 21, 2026
Semester 2 Start Date	Monday, January 25, 2027
Last Day of School	Wednesday, June 9, 2027
Transfer request deadline	Contact Student Records

F-1 Applicants

F-1 Virtual Information Session	Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @1:00 pm Thursday, May 7, 2026 @1:00 pm
Application/ Tuition Deadline	June 19, 2026 (1st semester) December 11, 2026 (2nd semester)
I-20 and school placement notification	June 15, 2026 - June 30, 2026
Orientation: Meet Your PDSO, DSO, and School Contact	Wednesday, August 19, 2026
First Day of School	Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Semester 1 End Date	Thursday, January 21, 2026
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