



Miri Piri Academy New Student Enrollment Instructions

Enrollment is open to applicants in 6th to 11th grade from any country, religion or background. General enrollment begins January 15th, but new students may apply for Early Admission and receive an early admission discount if enrollment is completed and a contract is signed before the Early Admission January 15th deadline.

Step 1: Submit the online application at www.miripiriacademy.org

Step 2: Pay the application fee according to email instructions

Step 3: Fax or email your child's most recent school records.

Step 4: Complete an interview with an Admissions Officer.

After your child is accepted, the following steps remain:

Step 5: Complete online follow up forms including Payment Plan Selection and Financial Aid application forms (if needed).

Step 6: Sign and return the Enrollment Contract, Policy and Liability Release Agreement and Credit Card Authorization Form.

Step 7: Pay the Entrance Fee.

Step 8: Apply for a **Student Visa** with the Indian Consulate.

Step 9: Book your child's travel to Miri Piri Academy and send travel and visa details to the school along with a medical history.

Step 10: Prepare your child for the Miri Piri Academy Experience!

If you have questions you may contact the admission office at:

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2020-2021 Tuition, Fees and Payment Policies

All fees listed and payable in Indian Rupees unless otherwise noted.

Student Grade	6-7	8-10	11	12
Tuition: Academic Instruction, Fine Arts Program, Kundalini Yoga Instruction, Physical Education Program and Community Service Projects	657,000	735,000	735,000	735,000
Additional Charges and Fees				
Room & Board	378,000	378,000	378,000	378,000
Kundalini Yoga Teacher Certification Program			46,000	22,000
Travel Fees (Non-refundable)				
Commencement Trip, Field Trips, Gurdwara and Historic Sights, Spring Break, Winter Break, Individual Class Trips for 8 th to 12 th Grade	90,000	100,000	100,000	224,000
TOTAL TUITION AND FEES	1,125,000	1,213,000	1,259,000	1,359,000
Billable Student Expenses				
Textbook Account Deposit	21,000	27,000	29,000	29,000
Incidental Account Deposit	51,000	51,000	51,000	51,000
Minimum Required Spending Money	32,000	42,000	53,000	53,000

Entrance Fee and Re-Enrollment Fee

Every new student enrolled at Miri Piri Academy must pay an entrance fee of INR 118,000. A fee of USD 65 is due at the time of re-enrollment for returning students. If a child leaves the school for one year and then returns again, the entrance fee becomes due a second time.

Reservation Deposit

Returning students must pay a Reservation Deposit of 10% of all tuition, charges and fees to reserve their child's position at Miri Piri Academy before June 15th. The Letter of Acceptance will not be sent until this deposit is paid. The deposit is not an additional charge and will count towards tuition and fee payment. However, the Reservation Deposit is non-refundable, regardless of whether a student withdraws prior to the beginning of classes.

Payment Options

Parents may choose one of the following options:

- a. Payment in Full - *Entrance Fee (new students) or Reservation Deposit (returning students), and Enrollment Contract* due prior to *Letter of Acceptance*. Remaining tuition, charges and fees payable August 20th.
- b. Installments – *Entrance Fee (new students) or Reservation Deposit (returning students), and Enrollment Contract* due prior to receipt of *Letter of Acceptance*. Ten percent (10%) of Tuition and Fees plus total of billable student expenses payable August 20th. The remaining tuition and fees payable via one of the following Tuition Installment plans:
 - Four equal installments payable the 20th day of October, December, February and April.
 - Eight equal installments payable the 20th day of each month from September to April.

Important Note: A Tuition Insurance fee of 3% will apply to any funds paid via installment rather than at start of year.

Payment Methods

For payment of Tuition in Full and all initial payments due, the following payment methods are available:

- Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) or Wire Transfer to AXIS Bank. (Bank and CC fees may apply.)

For payment of Tuition Installments, the following payment methods are available:

- Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) (Credit card fees may apply.)

Tuition installments will be deducted from the Credit Card on file on the date listed in the Enrollment or Re-Enrollment Contract in full without exception. Parents are expected to plan accordingly and to ensure that adequate funds are available for withdrawal.

Sibling Discount

The sibling discount is equal to 5% of Tuition, not including fees, and is applied for the youngest sibling attending. If a third sibling attends, the youngest of the three siblings may receive a 10% discount on Tuition, not including fees. If additional siblings attend, they may also receive a 10% discount on Tuition.

Exchange Rate

All payments will be accepted based on the exchange rate valid at the time of payment receipt.

Incidental Account Replenishment

The incidental account must be replenished whenever the balance drops below INR 5000. The fund will be replenished from the credit card on file unless a parent arranges an alternative payment.

Refunds

Unless specifically noted below, tuition and fees become non-refundable upon admission to Miri Piri Academy. Refundable fees will be credited to the Incidental Account and recovered at the end of the academic school year for all parents who have not received Financial Aid.

Explanation of Standard Charges and Fees

Tuition: Provides for the academic, athletic, and basic spiritual life programs.

Additional Charges:

Room and Board: Covers residential and general medical care, food costs, dorm equipment, and utilities.

KY Teacher Certification: Includes KRI certified Teacher Training courses and Kundalini Yoga teacher certification fees.

Travel Fees:

Provides for travel, room and board, during Commencement Trip, Winter and Spring Break, local tours and field trips as well as class trips for 8th to 12th Grade.

Billable Expenses:

Textbook Deposit Account: At the start of the year textbooks will be billed from this account. If any funds are left remaining or there is any overage the difference will be adjusted from the Incidental Account.

Incidental Deposit Account: The incidental account covers supplemental expenses such as replacement of lost textbooks, tutoring, CIE exam fees, chaperone fees, medical supplies and expenses, spiritual, social, academic and sports related activities and equipment, replacement of school uniforms, items specifically requested by parents, and other incidental needs as and when they may arise. Upon graduation, withdrawal or expulsion, any remaining portion will be refunded to those students not receiving Financial Aid.

Student Spending Money: Provides a minimum of amount of miscellaneous spending money per month to each student for elective items on and off campus. Parents may send supplemental spending money at their discretion. Upon graduation, withdrawal or expulsion, any remaining portion will be refunded to those students not receiving Financial Aid.

Other Charges and Fees

Application Fee: A fee of USD 40 is charged for the processing of all new student applications.

Tuition Insurance Fee: A fee of 3% will apply to any funds paid via installment.

Late Enrollment Fee: A Late Enrollment Fee of INR 12,000 will be charged if the Enrollment Contract, Liability and Release Agreement and Security Deposit and Entrance Fee (new students) or Reservation Deposit (returning students) are not received by June 15th.

ESL Support Fees: Upon arrival on campus, all new students who do not speak English as their home language will be required to take an English Language Proficiency Test (W-APT) for placement in either the Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program, the general education classroom with ESL support (ESL), or the general education classroom for fluent English learners. Students in the SEI program will be charged INR 35,000 per semester for the additional academic support needed to become fluent English language learners.

Absence Fee: Any student that arrives late or departs early at the beginning or end of the term or the winter and spring breaks without the express written permission of the Principal will be charged an INR 6000 Absence Fee per day.

Late Payment Fees: If there is any problem with on-time payment the following steps will be taken:

- A late fee equal to 3% of any overdue amount will become immediately due.
- After one month without payment, incidental and spending account funds will be frozen.
- After three months without payment enrollment will be revoked and your child may be sent home prior to semester exams. All fees owed for the full school year according to your contract will become immediately due along with travel costs.
- School grades, transcripts, certificates and diplomas will not be released until all due fees have been paid in full.

Chaperone Fee: A fee of INR 6000 is deducted from the Incidental Account if a child travels with the chaperone for any part of the chaperoned route. The fee may be charged twice a year if the child travels with the chaperone while traveling to and from the school.

Frequently Asked Questions

What makes Miri Piri Academy different?

Miri Piri Academy is based on the teachings of the Siri Singh Sahib Yogi Bhajan. Our program combines rigorous academics, daily practice of Kundalini Yoga and meditation, and a strong sense of community to give each student an experience of self-mastery and leadership. Parents send their children to Miri Piri Academy to learn and practice a spiritual lifestyle, develop self-discipline and confidence, and give them the skills and the knowledge they will need to be successful in life.

What if my child doesn't speak English?

If English is a Second Language, applicants are requested to enroll their children in English classes prior to arrival on campus. Students must be able to obtain an EFSET score of at least 31 using the (<https://www.efset.org/english-certificate/>) (equivalent to an A2 CEFR) or provide an equivalent proof of language fluency so that they can start the year with basic English reading and comprehension skills. At the start of the year, students who are not proficient in English are tested and if necessary, placed in a special ESL program for the first school year and receive extra help so that they can catch up with their peers. Students who join from 9th to 11th grade may not be able to take Cambridge or Advanced Placement Examinations if their English skills and academic foundation are not adequate.

What if my children and I are not Sikhs?

Miri Piri Academy accepts many students from diverse faiths and backgrounds. Although the school's program is based on the teachings of Sikhism, students of any race, religion or culture are welcome. While students are required to practice the Sikh lifestyle as a part of our program, including wearing a turban and eating a vegetarian diet, there is no expectation that they will adopt the Sikh religion or practice Sikhism in their personal life. As long as a student's religious practices and beliefs do not interfere with their full participation in the Miri Piri Academy program, they are welcome to believe and practice any other religion while attending the school.

If my child goes to MPA, will they be able to go to college or university in our home country? This requires a discussion

MPA is a NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) candidate school and accreditation is projected for the start of the 2020 school year. NEASC is recognized as the equivalent of a US high school diploma by schools and universities all over the world. We recommend that parents contact educational authorities in their home country to understand how a US high school diploma equivalent fits with their educational system and whether any supplemental study or external exams may be required. MPA students have the option to study and sit for external exams as needed. Students from Miri Piri Academy have a unique background that gives them an edge over other college applicants. Students have been accepted to such prestigious universities as UC Berkeley, Mt Holyoke College, and Vassar.

Do you provide extra academic support when it is needed?

All students who receive a 50% or below in any subject will be provided extra academic support. Level 1 academic support will be provided in the classroom by the respective teacher for students who receive 40%-50% in their performance assessment/semester examinations. Level 2 academic support for students who receive below 40% is given to students during Personalized Learning Time. In case a student is unable to make up the required grade after being provided the Level 1 or Level 2 support,

they will be placed in mandatory tutoring for that particular subject. Students will remain in the tutoring program until they improve their grade in that subject. Any student who needs assistance for homework or requires support in any subject can also join the program. Fees for tutoring are the responsibility of the parent and will be taken from the incidental account.

When does the school year start?

The school year begins in late August and ends in late May. Students taking Cambridge examinations may be required to stay into June to complete their exams.

What are the extra-curricular activities at MPA?

Miri Piri Academy offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities, ranging from sports to art to community service. Students are required to participate in a sports program that includes football (soccer), basketball, ultimate frisbee, and Kabaddi (a Punjabi wrestling sport). Students choose one of the fine arts, including classical Indian vocals, tabla, sitar, pottery and Bhangara dancing. Training in Gatka, a traditional Sikh martial art, and participation in community service (Sewa) programs are mandatory for all students.

Will my child be able to travel and see other parts of India?

Every year during the Winter and Spring break and during individual class trips the school travels to other parts of India for vacation and sightseeing. Past trips have included Delhi, Hemkunt Sahib, Manali, Dharmasala, Agra, Rajasthan and Rishi Kesh. Twelfth grade students also have the opportunity to go on the Senior Class Trip in countries like Australia, Malaysia, or Thailand.

Enrollment and Payment Arrangements

Who is accepted?

Miri Piri Academy accepts all children from 6th to 11th grade who are inspired by our mission and want to challenge themselves to excel. Anyone applying to 12th grade must have completed Level I Kundalini Yoga Teacher certification prior to the start of the school year.

Do I have to pay the tuition all at once?

No, we offer several payment plans for parents who cannot pay the tuition in full at the start of the year.

Does the school offer Financial Aid?

We want to ensure that every child who is inspired to come to MPA can do so, regardless of their financial status. More than half of our families qualify for some amount of Financial Aid, depending upon need.

When can I have the acceptance letter?

The Letter of Acceptance will be issued after:

- Online application has been completed.
- Prior school transcripts have been received.
- Interview has been completed and student approved for Admission.
- Enrollment Contract and Policy and Liability Release Agreement have been signed and received, and the Entrance Fee or Reservation Deposit (returning students) has been deposited.
- All outstanding dues and fees have been paid.

What does the Tuition Fee not include?

The tuition fee does not include textbooks, external exam fees, SEI program fees, tutoring fees, special field trips, spending money, or incidental expenses like extra uniforms, academic supplies, or outside medical and dental services.

Are there discounts for siblings?

Siblings of the same parents are eligible for a 5 to 10 percent rebate in the Annual Base Tuition Fee, depending on the number of siblings. This discount does not apply to the other charges/fees, including the Entrance Fee. The rebate is valid only during the time the brother/sister is studying at MPA, and shall be withdrawn upon his/her graduation or withdrawal from the school.

What is the Incidental Deposit?

An Incidental Deposit to cover supplemental expenses must be made at the time of admission for all students. The funds are used to cover the following types of expenses; textbooks, external exam fees, tutoring, SEI program fees, medical expenses, field trips, additional excursions, extra school expenditures such as replacement of textbooks, supplies, shoes, uniforms, etc., and other incidental needs (as and when they arise). The Incidental Deposit must be replenished when it reaches the INR 5000 level.

How can I send extra-spending money for my child?

Extra-spending money may be included as extra funds with installment plans, or may be arranged with the accounts department at any time for payment by credit card or wire. Please inform the accounts department when extra-spending money has been sent.

Travel, Visa and Packing Arrangements

What kind of visa do I need to obtain for my child?

Students at Miri Piri Academy must have a valid Student Visa issued by the Indian Embassy in their home country unless they are an Indian citizen, have Indian residency, or possess a valid PIO or OCI card from the government of India. An X visa, often issued to the children of NRI's, is not a valid substitute. Any student who arrives without an acceptable visa from the Indian government will not be allowed to stay on campus.

How can I make travel arrangements for my child?

Each parent is expected to work directly with the airlines or with their own travel agent to make their child's travel arrangements according to our guidelines. We do provide one chaperone flight from and back to the United States for those parents who want their child to travel with a group.

Can my child arrive at school earlier or later than the scheduled time?

No, students must arrive during the slated Arrival and Departure dates. Any student arriving late or leaving early must have written permission from the Principal or they will be charged an Absence Fee.

What should my child bring to the school? What should they not bring?

Packing guidelines are listed in the official Packing List included below.

Should my child bring a laptop or other electronics?

Most students who come to MPA bring a laptop or other electronic devices. However, use of electronics on campus is a privilege to be earned and is limited intentionally to encourage participation and creativity. All SIM capable devices, phones, computers and handheld gaming devices have to be stored with the dorm caretakers and checked out at approved times. Students are allowed to use approved electronic devices during limited times in the evening on most weekdays and on weekends. Reading devices (without internet browsing facility) and simple MP3 music players without touch screens or SIM cards may be used during any free time on weekdays and weekends. Students in 9th grade and above may keep tablets or iPods without SIM capability throughout the week as well. Wi-Fi is available in the dorms for student use during specified hours. Students are allotted a minimum amount of download bandwidth per month and may purchase additional usage if desired.

Can I travel to the school to get my child settled?

Parents are welcome to visit the school campus at any time. However, the school often leaves on an extended trip within a few days of the student's arrival. This trip is designed specifically to help our students integrate quickly with their peers and become familiar with the staff in an informal setting. We ask parents not to participate in this particular event.

Staying in Touch

When can I visit my child during the school year?

Parents, family members and friends are welcome during a child's free time but must request an appointment at least 48 hours in advance to coordinate details. Parents and immediate family members may also obtain permission from the Director of Residential Life or the Principal to observe or participate during scheduled activities. Parents are recommended to limit their visits to Amritsar during academic semesters to one week or less to minimize distraction for students. We request that parents who accompany their children to India at the start of the school year plan to leave immediately after the drop off date to help ensure their child can settle into MPA life as smoothly as possible.

How will I stay in touch with my child?

Parents are encouraged to purchase cell phones that students can use to stay in touch with their parents and friends on the weekends and for one hour each evening during weekdays. The school can arrange the purchase of cell phones and calling cards for students from the Incidental Deposit. The school building and dorms are also equipped with Wifi internet access for Skype or email use.

Can my child come home for family reasons during the school year?

Student leave is granted on a case by case basis. Students are generally excused to attend significant events such as weddings, births, illness, or death in their immediate family if the school receives an official request directly from their parents. Students may be granted leave to visit with family friends or relatives overnight a maximum of twice per semester. To obtain permission for overnight leave, parents must submit an Absence Request to the Front Office Manager at least 48 hours prior to date of requested leave. Parents requesting leave are expected to return their child to school at the agreed upon time.

MPA PACKING AND SCHOOL STORE LIST

Parents, please note that items in italics are optional and most can be easily purchased in Amritsar. The items available in the school store are listed as well. It is now possible to purchase almost all items on the list in India, but your child must have the basics with them to start off the year.

Shoes

- 1 or 2 pairs Running shoes
- 2 pairs of polishable leather black shoes with black soles (no stripes or markings, sports shoes preferred)
- 2 pair shower shoes / flip flops
- *Specific sports shoes (i.e. cleats for soccer, basketball shoes)*

Note: The second pair of shoes in each category should be 1/2 to 1 size larger than the student's current size to compensate for growth during the school year. Please use your best judgment.

Undergarments / Nightwear

- 25-30 sets cotton underwear
- 7-10 bras for girls (At least 5 or more white or skin tone bras for use under white uniforms.)
- 4-8 sports bras for girls
- 1 modest one-piece bathing suit, or swim trunks for boys
- 1 pair of knee-length swim shorts for girls (mandatory)
- 25 pairs black socks
- 3 pairs of pajamas or nightclothes (For boys, boxers are acceptable. Warm pajamas are needed for winter.)
- *5 - 10 white cotton undershirts if your child wears undershirts*
- *Long underwear*
- *Bathrobe*

Winter Clothing

- 2 navy blue jackets (no logos, markings, or obvious brand names allowed.)
- 1 heavy winter jacket
- *1 pair black boots*
- *1 pair navy blue gloves*
- *1 navy blue or white scarf or shawl*
- *1 rain coat or poncho*

Bedding / Linens

- *Bath towels and wash cloths*

- *Quilt and blanket*
- *2 Quilt covers (duvets)* and single bedsheet sets (sheets are provided but some students prefer their own)

Toiletries

- 2 combs or brushes
- 1 bottle sunscreen (20 SPF or higher)
- Feminine products for girls. (We suggest 7 packs pads, 1-2 packs overnight pads, and 1 pack panty liners.)
- 50 hair ties for both boys and girls
- 1 nail - kit (finger / toe nail clippers, files, nailbrush etc.)
- 1 water proof toiletry bag
- 1-2 chap sticks with SPF
- 2-4 sticks deodorant
- 12 or more small packs of tissues
- 2 bottles lotion/moisturizer
- bug spray
- *aloe vera gel for sunburns*
- *toothbrushes*
- *toothpaste*
- *dental floss*
- *50 hair pins or hair clips for the girls*
- *shampoo and conditioner*
- *face wash and face cream*
- *soap / shower gel*
- *almond oil*

Self Care

- 2 water bottles (sturdy plastic or metal)
- A plastic ziplock bag containing the following items for storage with the nurse in the medical office:
 - Emer Gen' C or powdered electrolytes (highly recommended for the hot months of the year, approximately 120 – 240 individual use packets.)
 - Non-refrigerated acidophilus for use after any necessary antibiotic treatments.
 - multi vitamins – enough for one every day or every other day
 - vitamin C
 - iron pills for the girls
 - protein powder – particularly useful if your child is not a big fan of Indian food
 - any additional medicines or vitamins needed

Electronics

- Laptop – laptops are used for both academic and non-academic uses and are strongly recommended.
- *Phone – a SIM capable personal phone is necessary for communication with home. Available in India if needed. Students should bring only one phone and will not be permitted access to extra devices.*

Please note: Access to internet capable electronic devices is limited to specific times at MPA. If your child wants to take pictures, read, or listen to music at other times we recommend you consider the following devices in addition to laptop and phone.

- *MP3 Player (without touch screen) and headphones*
- *Kindle Paperwhite (or other reading device without internet capacity)*
- *Digital Camera*
- *Electronic translation devices may be used at all times if they do not have other web-browsing functionality*

Miscellaneous Items

- 1 back pack
- 1 alarm clock, battery operated
- 1 flash light (recommended that they use AA batteries)
- 1 watch
- 2 light colored markers for labeling dark clothes with enrollment numbers
- 4-6 laundry / permanent markers (for re-labeling clothes after multiple washings)
- 2-3 “Master” brand or other high quality combination locks
- *AA batteries*
- *laundry stain remover*
- *accessories for glasses*

8th Grade and 11th Grade Hiking Equipment (all available in Amritsar if needed)

- *Hiking Backpack*
- *Sleeping Bag good for 0 degrees*
- *Hiking boots*
- *Waterproof Jacket*
- *Hiking poles*

Food / Consumables (All optional, but please note that all food items must be vegetarian.)

- *Protein bars and protein powder*
- *favorite healthy snacks (healthy bars etc.)*

- *favorite condiments*
- *Please do not send any excessive amounts of junk food or sugar*
- *Please do not send any food items with meat or fish sauce. MPA has a 100% vegetarian campus.*

Please be aware that items on our Contraband List, including excessive quantities of unhealthy food, and any personal belongings used in a way contrary to school policy may be confiscated at any time.

Items Available in the School Store

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Listerine
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Sanitary Napkins
- Laundry Baskets
- Hangers
- Detergent
- Socks
- Underwear
- Shoelaces
- Shoe polish and brushes

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR MIRI PIRI ACADEMY

At Miri Piri Academy students live a disciplined lifestyle that may differ significantly from their home life. To help your child make the adjustment, we recommend that before arriving at MPA newly enrolled students:

1. **Become familiar with Miri Piri Academy programs, schedule and policies.** We recommend that students read the entire website and the Student Handbook thoroughly before arriving at the school. Students will be able to adjust to the school much more easily if they know what to expect when they arrive.
2. **Begin their education in Kundalini Yoga and Sikh Dharma.** The Miri Piri Academy program is based on the teachings of the Siri Singh Sahib, including aspects of both Kundalini Yoga and Sikh Dharma. If your child is not familiar with the practice of Kundalini Yoga, we strongly recommend that you enroll your child in a local beginners Kundalini Yoga class during the summer months. To find a Kundalini Yoga teacher near you, go to <http://www.ikyta.org> and look in the Teacher Directory. If your child is not familiar with Sikh Dharma, we recommend that they read more about it at <http://www.sikhnet.com/pages/introduction-sikhism>
3. **Practice putting their hair up and tying a turban until they feel confident.** Students at Miri Piri Academy are required to wear their hair up and to tie a turban every day. If your child does not already know how to put their hair up and tie a turban on their own, we recommend that they practice these skills daily until they feel comfortable and confident in their abilities. To watch a variety of turban tying tutorials, go to <http://fateh.sikhnet.com/s/TyingTurbans>. Don't worry, we will help them at school too!
4. **Sample traditional North Indian, vegetarian cuisine.** At Miri Piri Academy students follow a strict vegetarian diet. Primarily based on traditional North Indian cuisine, breakfast normally consists of paranthas, a type of flatbread stuffed with vegetables and spices, as well as yogurt, porridge and fruit, and other meals generally include rice, daal (beans), sabzi (vegetables), yogurt and rotis (flatbread). If your child is not familiar with this kind of food, we recommend that you bring them to a local North Indian restaurant to become familiar with the food that they will be eating on a daily basis.
5. **Develop their English reading, writing and conversation skills.** If your child does not speak English as a first language, we strongly recommend that you enroll your child in intensive English reading, writing and conversation classes prior to their arrival at Miri Piri Academy. At a minimum students must be able to obtain an EFSET score of at least 31 using the (<https://www.efset.org/english-certificate/>) (equivalent to an A2 CEFR) or provide an equivalent proof of language fluency so that they can start the year with basic English reading and comprehension skills. Although we provide special support to our non-English speaking students, the transition to an English medium social and academic system is difficult. Even a basic level of familiarity prior to the beginning of the school year can be very beneficial. Students who are not native English speakers will take a placement test at the start of the year to determine which level of extra English instruction may be necessary.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT MIRI PIRI ACADEMY

Adjusting to life at Miri Piri Academy can be a challenging experience for first year students. For many, it is their first time living away from home and family. In addition, the rigorous schedule and strict discipline of the school may require new students to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zone. To support your child in making these adjustments, we recommend the following to parents of first year students:

1. **Send your child with the chaperoned flight instead of bringing them personally to the school.** This will lessen the impact of the adjustment that they have to make upon their arrival on campus.
2. **Discuss the challenges that your child can expect before they leave home.** Students who know what to expect are much better prepared for their experience here. We can recommend you to a veteran parent for information and support.
3. **Before your child leaves home, communicate to your child that you are making a commitment to the MPA program for at least one year.** After arriving at MPA students who are asked to make a choice about whether or not to remain at the school have difficulty settling into the program. Instead of participating, they are constantly thinking about the decision that has been put on their shoulders. Once your commitment is made clear, most students are able to adjust, make friends and experience what MPA has to offer them.
4. **Aside from initially assuring their safe arrival, refrain from calling them for at least two weeks.** This short time period will give your child the opportunity to get comfortable with the program and begin making friends without dwelling on what they are missing or how their absence might be affecting their parents.
5. **In communications with your child, support the school staff and policies so that they can feel secure and safe in our care.** If your child communicates an issue that you are concerned about, school staff, teachers and administrators are available to discuss the issues with you directly, and will work to make any possible adjustments to support your child.
6. **Make connections with other MPA Parents who can share information and support you as a parent.** Miri Piri Academy will provide you with a directory of all MPA parents at the beginning of the school year. We recommend that you make connections with the parents of other students in your child's classroom and other parents who live in your area. Long time MPA parents are a great resource for information and support. You may also wish to join the Miri Piri Academy Parents Facebook group to continue communicating with other parents throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. For questions about:

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