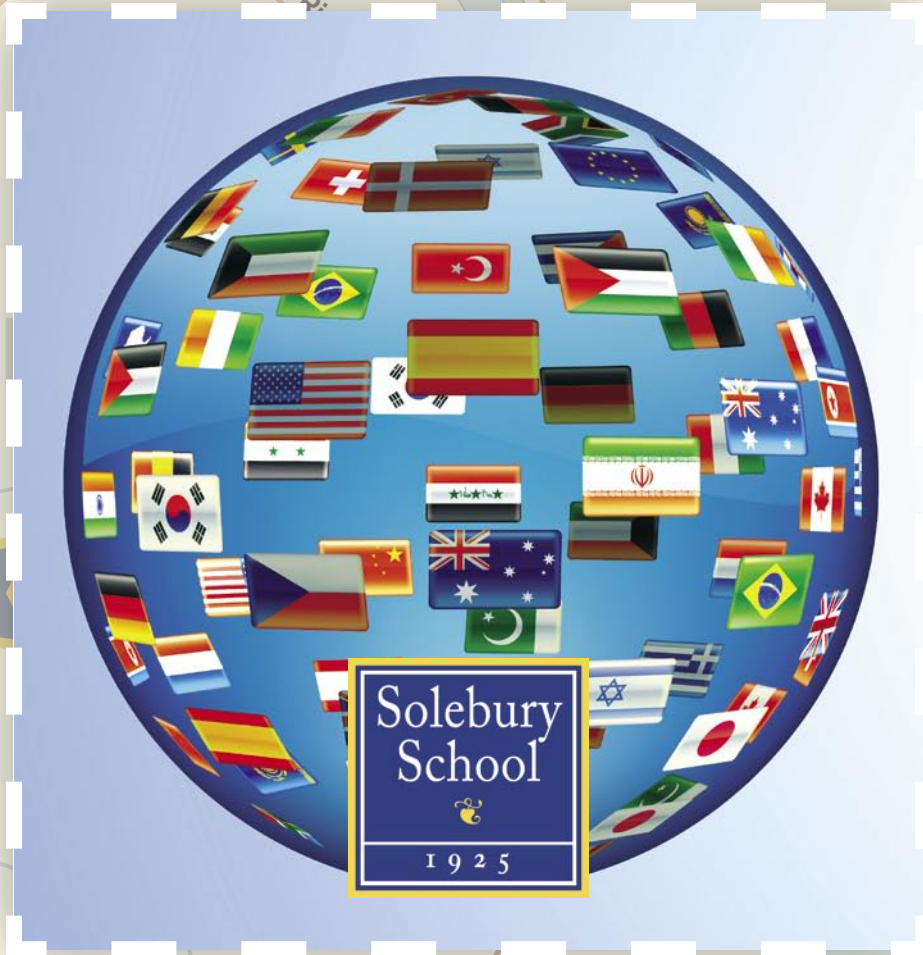


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Solebury School ESL Program

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About Solebury School

Founded in 1925, Solebury School is a co-educational college-preparatory school, for day and boarding students in grades 9–12. Solebury's diverse population of approximately 220 students comes from the local area, other states and foreign countries.

Small classes, challenging curriculum, dedicated teachers and individual attention make Solebury's education distinct. Solebury School is located on a safe, beautiful 90-acre campus just outside of New Hope, Pennsylvania. It is conveniently located 1 hour from Philadelphia and 1½ hours from New York City. The school is about 1 hour from Newark International Airport or Philadelphia International Airport, and 2 hours from JFK International Airport.

Solebury welcomes international students. Students who need to improve their English language skills enroll in our English as a Second Language (ESL) Program which includes both ESL and mainstream classes.

“ESL was challenging for me, but after all the hard work, I learned a lot and I feel very prepared for my other classes and for college.”



English as a Second Language Program

ESL Programs

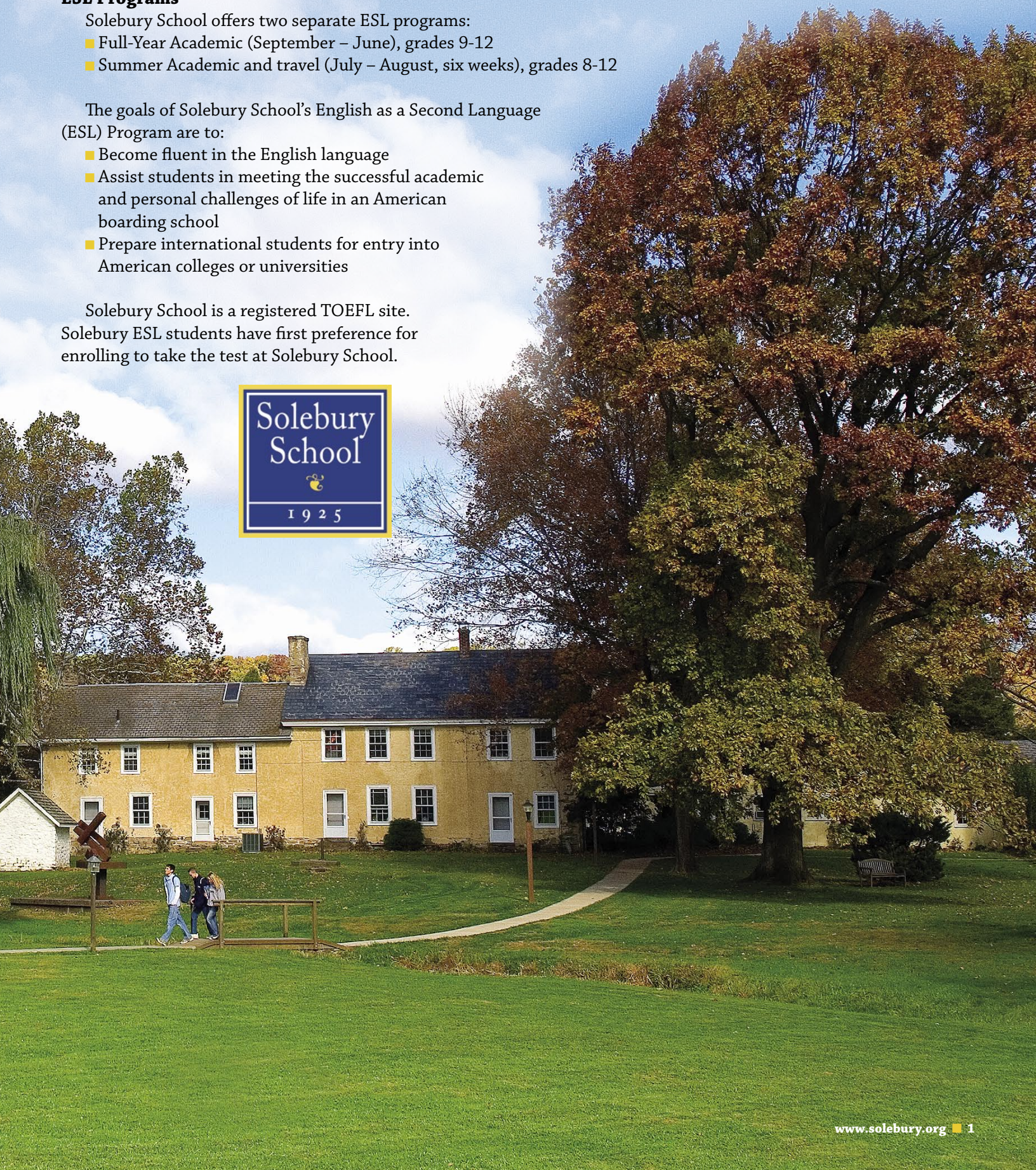
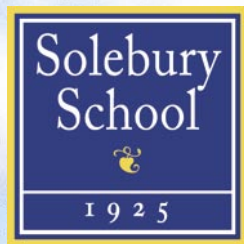
Solebury School offers two separate ESL programs:

- Full-Year Academic (September – June), grades 9-12
- Summer Academic and travel (July – August, six weeks), grades 8-12

The goals of Solebury School's English as a Second Language (ESL) Program are to:

- Become fluent in the English language
- Assist students in meeting the successful academic and personal challenges of life in an American boarding school
- Prepare international students for entry into American colleges or universities

Solebury School is a registered TOEFL site. Solebury ESL students have first preference for enrolling to take the test at Solebury School.



Full Year ESL

The full year ESL program enrolls about 25 students. It offers rigorous classes to improve English proficiency within the school's overall college preparatory program. It is expected that ESL students have already begun the study of English in their home countries.

There are three levels of ESL, depending upon the student's English proficiency. Proficiency testing in the form of a SLEP test or the TOEFL is required in assessing a student's ability and placement in any of the levels.

Small classes, averaging 8 students, provide individualized instruction, expression of ideas and opinions, and teach the skills required to be successful in mainstream classes. In addition to 3 ESL classes at each level, students take all other courses in the mainstream curriculum with American students. In their fourth year, it is expected that ESL students will have exited the program and spend their senior year entirely in the regular college preparatory program, demonstrating to American colleges that they are ready to compete equally with native speakers. Please visit our website www.solebury.org for a complete list of ESL and mainstream courses

Solebury teachers are experienced in teaching English to international students, and they are especially sensitive to the students' need to adapt to living in the United States.

The ESL program director helps students with visas, passports, and any other issues that may arise.

During vacations, students sometimes stay with their American friends, but we strongly encourage international students to have a guardian in the United States.

College Placement

Students begin meeting with the college counselor in 10th grade to discuss opportunities for college and university placement. Many college representatives come to campus during the school year, and college visits are also possible. We take great effort in making sure individual students know what their goals are, and then we assist them in finding an appropriate college or university placement where they will be challenged and successful. ESL students have attended Boston College, Cornell University, Duke University, George Washington University, Tulane University, University of Chicago, University of Southern California, Washington University in St. Louis, and others. Please visit our web site www.solebury.org for a list of specific colleges where our international students have enrolled.

“I graduated out of ESL in my sophomore year. Because the ESL classes were really tough and challenging, when I went into regular classes with American students, I had really decent grades and a good work ethic.”



International Students Actively Participate In:

- Music – chorus and instrumental groups
- Art – painting, drawing, ceramics
- Sports
- Leadership opportunities
- Clubs
- Cultural exchanges



The ESL Program Includes:

- ESL classes in English, history and science
- Emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Assistance in study skills and organization
- AP and Honors Classes in the regular curriculum
- TOEFL preparation and testing. Solebury is a registered TOEFL site.
- Support for International students in non-ESL classes
- Conversation partners with American students



Academic Facilities

- Abbe Science Center
- Penney International Center
- General Classroom buildings
- Library and Arts center
- Theater
- Boyd Dining Hall
- Music room
- Administration building

Computer Network

Computers are available throughout the school which students use for email, the internet, word processing and other programs. The campus network has direct high-speed internet access. All classrooms, the library, the dining hall, and dormitory rooms are wired for internet access.

Dormitories

Students live on campus in two supervised dormitories, one for boys and one for girls. The air-conditioned dormitories are fully computerized and are equipped with washers, dryers, kitchen areas for making snacks, and community lounge areas. Solebury faculty members live in the dormitories to assist students whenever necessary. International students share a room with one other student who does not speak the same language.



Athletic Facilities

- New Athletic Center with fitness room
- 6-lane Running track
- Soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball fields
- Tennis courts
- Cross-country course
- Outdoor swimming pool (summer only)

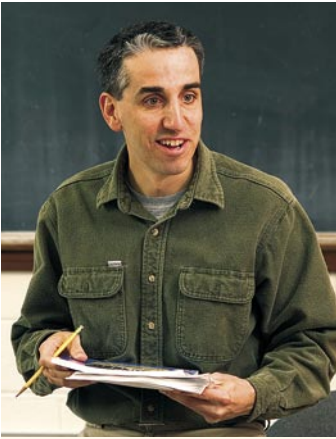
Summer ESL Program

Solebury's six-week Summer ESL Program is a fun-filled academic and cultural experience. The program begins in mid-July and ends in mid-August. The program consists of morning classes and afternoon cultural activities.

The goals of the program are:

- To help students improve their English in a short immersion program
- To prepare students for entry into U.S. boarding schools and/or future schooling in America
- To learn about American teacher expectations
- To develop independence and peer relationships

Students live in Solebury's air-conditioned, supervised dormitory and have full use of the school's facilities, including the outdoor swimming pool, athletic center, art rooms, computer lab and library.



Academics

- Three levels of English instruction
- TOEFL practice and preparation
- Art and computer classes
- 3 to 1 student to teacher ration
- Small class size averaging 5 students
- Written evaluation focusing on the student's strengths and weaknesses
- Certificate issued upon successful completion of the program. No academic grades or credit is given.

“My ESL teacher listens to me well and gives me good advice. When I first came here, I was afraid to speak English. She was the one who supported me and she stayed after class with me to give me extra help. As a result, my English improved a lot, I have a lot of friends, and I gained confidence.”

Cultural and Recreational Activities

Weekend and afternoon excursions include cultural and historical field trips and various sporting events. Also included are overnight trips to New York City and Washington, D.C. and day trips to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

For detailed information on the Summer ESL program, please visit our website: www.solebury.org



Learn English! Experience American Culture!



“I learned so much more in one year at Solebury than what I learned in my previous school. Compared to two years in my middle school I really achieved academically at Solebury School. I think they have an outstanding English language program.”

“We have three teachers who only teach international students and they know so much about the students and are so helpful to us.”

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