**Q: What is the purpose of my I-20 form?**
Every non-U.S. citizen needs this form to acquire a student visa; the student visa allows you to attend Proctor Academy. Your student visa must apply for at least your first year at Proctor Academy. In addition, you need the I-20 form whenever you travel, both within the U.S. borders and especially when you leave the U.S. This form and your VISA are your legal documents from the U.S. Immigration Department and should be kept safe and secure at all times. It is suggested that these items be given to the International Student Coordinator for safe keeping when not traveling.

**Q: What is Wilderness Orientation?**
For over 40 years, all new Proctor students have backpacked through the White Mountains for 5 days prior to starting classes. Thousands of Proctor alumni will tell you that Orientation is an experience they will never forget! For many students, this trip is their first time hiking in the woods. It is an easy hike so please do not be nervous about Orientation! Please visit our Wilderness Orientation page to review what you’ll need for Orientation.

**Q: What about health insurance and medical services?**
Proctor operates it’s own health center which is staffed by a medical director and school physician. At the same time, you are required and will soon receive information about an insurance coverage plan offered through the school. If you do not have an insurance plan which will cover you while you're in the U.S., you will need to sign up for this plan.

**Q: When should I arrive on campus?**
You will be invited to attend Transition Days. For the 2018-2019 school year, please arrive on Friday, August 31, 2018. Registration for new International Students is Friday, August 31, 2018. While this program is not mandatory, we believe these extra days are beneficial to you in your adjustment to a new time zone, location, and the school in general. These four days would give you a chance to become familiar with the campus and meet new friends. If you are traveling with your parents, they are welcome to stay nearby and participate in Transition Days, too.

If you are arriving by yourself, we will arrange your pick up in Boston, Massachusetts or Manchester, New Hampshire. Please reach out to Lisa Scarry to assist us in making these arrangements (cell: 603-748-5082).

**Q: I need to make my travel arrangements for the entire year. How do I plan my travel?**
Please review the 2018-2019 Proctor Academy calendar. You should plan your flights carefully so you do not miss any school commitments. We do understand that there will be times when the logistics of flights and travel times will be in conflict with the school calendar. Please communicate any conflicts with the International Student Coordinator as early as possible.

**Q: What clothing should I bring to school?**
The weather in New Hampshire can be very unpredictable. During the Fall, it can be 80°s (25° Celsius) one day and 40° (5° Celsius) the next. Warm clothes are definitely needed for the winter: coat, hat, gloves, boots, etc. Our dress code is informal, so plan to bring items that are practical for the weather and comfortable for you. Dressier clothes (dresses, sport coats, ties, etc.) are only needed occasionally. If you have questions about clothing, you can wait until you arrive on campus, as there will be opportunities to shop during the school year.

**Q: Cell Phone coverage?**
Only Verizon and US Cellular have good coverage in our area. You can either take out a contract with one of these companies or get a “Pre-Paid” phone with a separate card for international calls. We have had great results using Tracfone. For safety while traveling, we strongly urge our international students to have a cell phone in the United States with coverage at Proctor Academy. Please contact our International Student Coordinator should you wish to discuss this further, or to purchase/rent-a-cell phone for your student.
Q: Spending Money?
Lake Sunapee Bank (Lake Sunapee Bank) is located across from our main campus and has ATM (Cash machine) services that link to most major banking systems. Most international students have Visa or Mastercard Debit/Credit cards for purchases. Lake Sunapee Bank will be available on Registration Day to meet with you. We strongly discourage students from keeping large amounts of cash in their rooms.

Q: May I leave campus for an overnight or on the weekends?
The International Student Coordinator will act as your “in loco parentis” for travel purposes once the Travel Permission (available for review on your myProctor account in the summer) is signed by your parents/guardians. The sign-out process is outlined in the Student Handbook.

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