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Dear Maeser Community:

Winterim is a distinctive program and feature of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy (Maeser). Winterim enhances student learning by providing an intensive, focused educational experience.

- Academically rigorous/expands student's academic knowledge
- Serves as a humanitarian service opportunity
- Extra-curricular opportunities that make a relevant application to classroom theory and life experiences (college/career)

When this program was introduced at Maeser's founding, the founders hoped that students would embrace the spirit of Winterim in order to

- realize learning extends beyond "school" or the walls of a classroom
- stretch their learning or deep dive in a particular subject
- discover a passion or gift they didn't know they had
- discover a career path to pursue or perhaps one they don't want to pursue
- develop an awareness of the needs of others
- develop a desire to contribute to their community.

Over the years we have offered a broad range of Winterims with varying costs. However, as we review our fees, we want to ensure the sustainability of the program and provide these amazing opportunities to all students.

The following policy and protocol changes have been adopted by the Maeser Board of Directors and will go into place for the 2019–2020 school year:

1. Flat Winterim Fee. Regardless of Winterim selected, the 2019–2020 fee will be a flat fee due at the time of other school fees (see [2019–2020 draft fee schedule](#)).
2. No school- sponsored international travel.
3. Winterim Selection. Winterim selection will remain the same, with seniors given priority, then juniors, etc. Winterim offerings, including Independent Study, that have more applicants than openings within the priorities will undergo a lottery to determine who receives a spot. See [2019–20 Winterim Registration Procedures](#)
4. A student may submit an independent Winterim proposal. Please see the updated [2019–20 Independent Study Proposal Guidelines](#)

Our Maeser team goes through a very rigorous process developing Winterims that will provide these opportunities. The goal is to exceed compliance recommendations and help Maeser families by keeping fees as low as possible yet continue to offer great Winterim experiences. Thus, we reflect on our 'early' days and ask our community to contribute in the following ways:

1. Do you have opportunities for career discovery and could host/put a student to work for 60 hours in January? (e.g. orthodontist, computer programmer, lawyer, construction management, dentist, etc.) Please click [here](#) to provide us the details.
2. Does your company offer 'Winterim like' opportunities? Certifications, sponsorship, matching funds? Please provide contact information [here](#)
3. Do you have a suggestion for a cool Winterim idea? Click [here](#)
4. To donate to our Winterim Endowment, click [here](#)

Winterim is one of the cornerstones of Maeser Prep. As such we want to ensure that we can continue to offer it and provide these amazing opportunities to all students.

Please reach out to our administrative team with any questions.

Thank you for your support and being part of our amazing Maeser Community,

Cynthia Shumway

CAO, Maeser Prep Board of Directors

Utah Code R277-407 [School Fees Rule](#)

Answers to Questions You May Have:

What about the Rome Winterim that had been planned?

Unfortunately, the Rome Winterim has been cancelled.

What about humanitarian experiences?

Maeser will continue to focus on meaningful humanitarian and service experiences here in our local community. We will not be sponsoring international humanitarian experiences. Students who are interested in an international humanitarian experience should submit an Independent Study Application.

Can teachers go on international independent study trips?

No, this would be considered a school sponsored activity.

Can we do Independent Study Winterims as a group?

No, each student must submit their own Winterim proposal and it will be reviewed and approved on its own merits. This does not mean two students can't travel together. However the proposal and project must be separate and independent.