

Kaplan International

# Philadelphia



Welcome to Kaplan International Philadelphia's new location in the historic and exciting downtown area of Philadelphia. Kaplan International Philadelphia offers a comprehensive range of English courses with first class learning facilities. The new center occupies 3 floors of the building and includes a large student lobby/reception area, expanded net lab, prayer room, 17 classrooms, modern technology infrastructure and SMART Boards®. The school offers an extensive library of self-study materials, including print, audio, and video materials as well as access to programs in the net lab and free wifi Internet access. The school has an experienced and attentive staff offering excellent service and personal attention to students. There are several affordable restaurants within walking distance to the school in addition to many shops, supermarkets and convenience stores.

Philadelphia is a diverse city, rich in American heritage and the Arts. Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell are just a few examples of the wonders Philadelphia has to offer students. Boutiques, museums, restaurants, and the diverse culture create a feeling that Philadelphia is home to anyone who visits. Philadelphia is the home of over ten highly competitive universities including the University of Pennsylvania.



Kaplan International students exploring Philadelphia



Kaplan International Philadelphia  
1222 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor  
Philadelphia  
PA 19107  
USA

Kaplan International in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.

Kaplan International is a member of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



## School Facilities

### Classrooms

Kaplan International Philadelphia has 17 classrooms. All classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for students to spread out, having access to multimedia equipment and innovative SMART Boards®.

### Multimedia and IT center

In Kaplan International Philadelphia there is a net lab that students may use for studying and testing.

### Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia self-study materials for students to borrow and use during their K+ tools/K+ clubs hours.

### Student Lounge

The center has a student lounge with free Internet access. There is also a microwave for student use.

### Cafeteria

Cafés such as Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, and Bistros are all in walking distance from Kaplan. In the center there are vending machines, a toaster oven, several microwaves, and a lounge with seating where students can eat their lunch and snacks.

### Sports facilities

There are sports facilities near the center such as playing fields for baseball, soccer, hockey and American football and a swimming pool.

### Gym facilities

Students can join independent gym facilities, such as 12th Street Gym. 12th Street Gym is located right at the corner next to Kaplan and is a full facility monthly membership gym and fitness club with additional classes. LA Fitness is also located only 2 blocks from Kaplan and offers the same amenities. Membership is required to use the facilities.

### Activities/Social Program

Kaplan provides a varied calendar of free-time activities. The activities are led by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



SMART Board®



Computer lab

## Orientation Information

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International Philadelphia school.

**Address:** 1222 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

### Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 8:30 am
- iGMAT/iGRE courses: 4:00 pm

Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Collecting documents
- Welcome new students
- Placement tests
- Tour of the Kaplan International school
- Orientation folders, enrollment agreements, student visa information
- Break
- Distributing books and schedules

### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- I-94 (if applicable)
- I-20 form (certificate of eligibility), if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course payment/voucher, if available
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.
- USD \$40 book deposit
- Proof of medical insurance

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, specific skills/K+ tools/K+ clubs, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

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## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Philadelphia's transportation system is known as SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority). Students can reach the center by commuting in on the Blue and Orange Subway Lines, the Regional Rails, and/or the bus and trolley system.

### Banks and Post Office

The nearest post office is located on 100 S. Broad Street.

### Restaurants and cafés

Kaplan International Philadelphia is located a block away from some of the finest restaurants in the city as well as some of the best pizza places. You can walk up and down Walnut Street to pick your favorite!

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are many shops like Apple, Barnes and Noble, and Wawa located just a few blocks away. Trader Joe's is located on 2121 Market Street. Whole Foods is on 10th and South Streets. Small convenience stores can be located on almost every block.

### Telephone and Internet Café

There are many cafes and coffee shops in the neighborhood that offer free wifi Internet access.



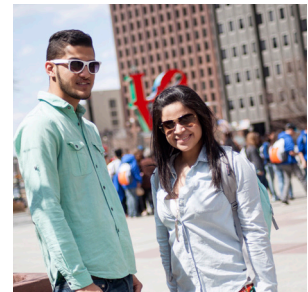
The famous Liberty Bell



Philadelphia Ritz Carlton



Philadelphia



Enjoy a truly international learning environment

### Cost of Living

#### Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$6.50
Lunch	\$8
Hamburger	\$6.50
Meal in restaurant	\$15-20
Tea/Coffee	\$2-3
Transit (Bus, Subway, Trolley) Tickets:	
2 Tokens for	\$3.60

### Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

#### Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Shopping
Wednesday	Movie night
Thursday	Tour of the University of Pennsylvania
Friday	Weekend trips to New York City and Washington D.C

#### Week two

Monday	Visit to Aquarium
Tuesday	Karaoke night
Wednesday	Shopping
Thursday	Visit to Ritz Movie Theaters
Friday	Tour of Independence Mall & historic sights

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

If you have booked a Kaplan transfer, you will give us details of your arrival time. You will receive a document to confirm this before you leave home. Follow the instructions indicated in the document once you arrive at the airport. The Kaplan transfer service must be booked and paid for in advance.

### Independent Transfers

#### **From Philadelphia city center to the Kaplan International school:**

Take I-95 South to the Philadelphia International Airport Exit or I-76 East following signs for the Philadelphia International Airport.

If you would like to arrange your own airport transfer on arrival, you can call Lady Liberty, airport transportation company. The company can arrange pick ups within 15-20 minutes and you can pay the company directly:

#### **Airport Transportation Company**

Lady Liberty, +1-215-724-8888



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