

Kaplan International Center Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Kaplan International Center offers a newly remodeled facility with an extensive library of self-study material to be used in center. The self-study material includes access to the center’s video lab with over 25 TVs and VCRs/DVDs, to the computer lab with over 30 computers and to a second computer lab with free Internet access for international students.

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.

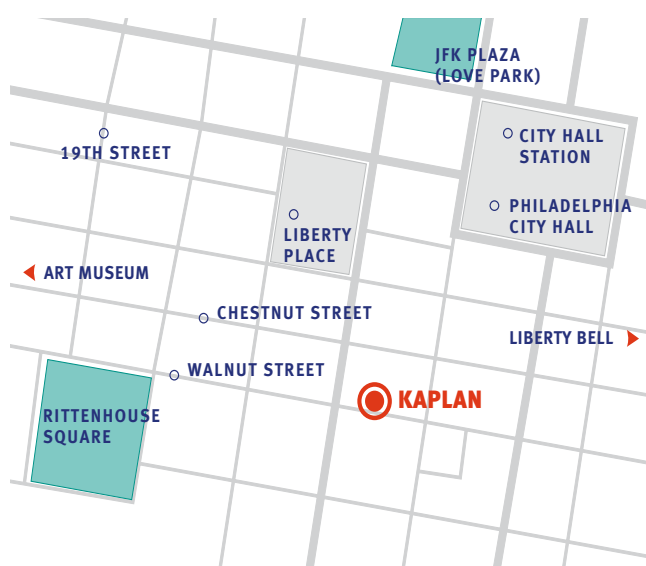


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Kaplan International Center Educational Programs in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



Kaplan International Centers is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAESA (Association for International Educators).



Kaplan International Center Philadelphia
 1528 Walnut Street, 1st Floor
 Philadelphia, PA 19102
 USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

The Philadelphia Kaplan International Center has 10 classrooms. All classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for students to spread out.

Multimedia and IT center

In the Philadelphia Kaplan International Center there is a computer lab, with several computers for students to use.

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 (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs of FOCUS, North Star, Kaplan) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

Student Lounge

The center has a student lounge with free Internet access. There is also a microwave and refrigerator 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, a refrigerator 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:

Rittenhouse Square Fitness Club is located 5 blocks from the center and offers monthly memberships, spinning, basketball courts and yoga. Cardio machines and weights are also available.

Sweat Gym is located blocks away from the center on 23rd and Walnut. It offers cardio classes, personal training, weight rooms and yoga. Membership is required.

Activities/Social Program

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



Classroom



Computer Lab

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan International Center, which is located on the 1528 Walnut Street, 1st Floor, at 10 am. 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:

- Student ID photos and collect documents
- Welcome new students
- Tour of the Kaplan center and the neighborhood
- Orientation folders, enrollment agreements, student visa information
- Placement tests

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course payment/voucher, if available
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

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 system.

Banks and Post Office

The nearest post offices are located on 1513 Broad Street.

Restaurants and cafés

Kaplan International Center 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 The Fresh Grocer or Wawa located just a few blocks away. Trader Joe's is located on 2121 Market Street. Whole Foods is located on South and Pennsylvania Avenue. Small convenience stores can be located on almost every block.

Telephone and Internet Café

Intermezzo café and lounge offers free high-speed Internet access. It is open from 7 am until late. There are also many other internet cafés nearby.



The famous Liberty Bell



Philadelphia Ritz Carlton



Philadelphia Street Scene



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

Tickets:
2 Tokens for \$2.90

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	Movie 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, and a driver will be sent to meet you at the arrivals gate of Philadelphia airport. You will receive a document to confirm this before you leave home. The Kaplan transfer service must be booked and paid for in advance.

Independent Transfers

From Philadelphia city center to the Kaplan center:
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



Philadelphia view