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Quick Facts Guide

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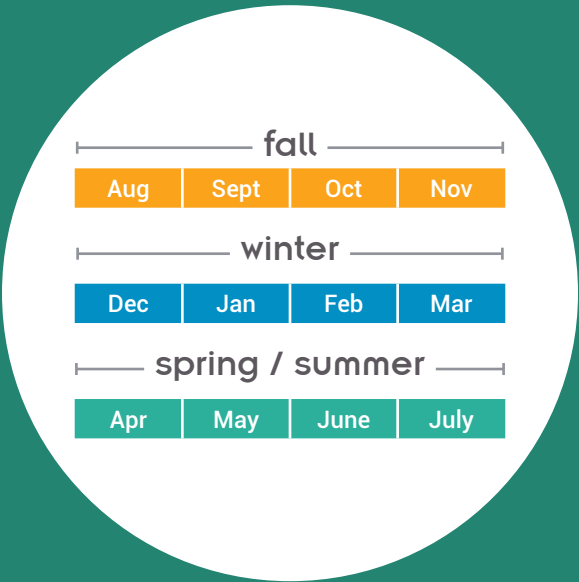
www.iseetest.org

The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) is the preferred admissions assessment of select schools around the world for students entering Grades 2-12. Rigorous and reliable, the ISEE provides advanced insights to schools to help guide admissions decisions, as well as to families in finding the best academic fit for their students.

For families considering an independent school education, the admissions assessment is an important step. ISEE is here to support you throughout the registration and testing process.

Testing Seasons

Students may register to take the ISEE once per testing season. There are three testing seasons:



| Testing with Accommodations

Any student with a documented disability is eligible to receive accommodations on the ISEE. Do not register for the ISEE until you apply for accommodations **and** receive your student's accommodations decision. Accommodations are valid for 24 months from the date of approval. Accommodations are not flagged on the score report.

For more information about requesting testing accommodations please visit www.iseetest.org or email iseeaccommodations@e3n.org.

| Fee Waiver Programs

Families in need of financial support may request a fee waiver from a school to which the family is applying. Fee waivers cover the cost of the ISEE test itself as well as the cost of an ISEE test preparation package. Students with fee waivers can use the same waiver code to sign up for a free test preparation package and to register for a test.

Fee waivers are issued to families by the school(s) to which the student is applying, not by the ISEE Operations Office or by E3n. Please contact the school(s) to which your student is applying for more information about requesting a fee waiver.

| Preparation

Test Preparation by Test Innovators

Test Innovators provides personalized ISEE preparation resources to help students perform their best on test day. The program is designed to set students up for success on the ISEE by familiarizing them with the types of questions they will encounter on the exam, providing real-time feedback as they answer questions, and sharing research-backed test-taking strategies that they can actually employ.

There are multiple package options to choose from, including a free trial version, and students that receive fee waivers for the ISEE itself can access a package free of charge. More than 150,000 students have prepared for success using Test Innovators. Learn more at www.iseetest.org.

Test Preparation by ISEE

ISEE provides a variety of free materials to help your student prepare for test day, including online sample tests that allow students and families to familiarize themselves with the types of questions that appear on the ISEE. These sample tests mimic the look and feel of an actual online exam to introduce testers to the exam interface. Students will even receive a sample score report at the end of the exam that resembles a real ISEE score report. Learn more at www.iseetest.org.

Exam Description

Your student's testing level is determined by the grade to which they are applying. Depending on availability, students may register for an online or paper test. Both formats have the same number of questions, the same timing, and the same opportunities for students to change their responses. For security purposes, there are multiple versions of the test for each level.

Primary Levels

Primary Levels 2, 3, and 4 are for students applying to Grades 2, 3, or 4 respectively. The test is comprised of multiple-choice questions in Reading and Mathematics. The Primary 2 Reading section also includes a few Auditory Comprehension questions that are read aloud to the student. The online test format requires students to select multiple-choice responses digitally. The paper test format requires students to bubble-in their multiple-choice responses in a test booklet. There is no writing sample portion of the exam for the Primary Levels. There is one scheduled 10-minute break.

Primary 2 Level for applicants to Grade 2

Reading	24 questions	27 minutes
Mathematics	24 questions	26 minutes

Total Test: 53 mins + one 10-min break

Primary 3 Level for applicants to Grade 3

Reading	24 questions	28 minutes
Mathematics	24 questions	26 minutes

Total Test: 54 mins + one 10-min break

Primary 4 Level for applicants to Grade 4

Reading	28 questions	30 minutes
Mathematics	28 questions	30 minutes

Total Test: 60 mins + one 10-min break

Lower, Middle, and Upper Levels

Lower Level is for students applying to Grades 5-6, Middle Level is for students applying to Grades 7-8, and Upper Level is for students applying to Grades 9-12. These levels feature standardized Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning sections that measure a student's capability for learning as well as Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Achievement sections that provide specific information about a student's strengths and weaknesses in those areas. The Reading Comprehension section evaluates not only a student's reading level, but also their ability to comprehend material drawn from the sciences and humanities. The online test format requires students to select multiple-choice responses digitally and type their essay. The paper test format requires students to bubble-in their multiple-choice responses on a separate answer sheet and handwrite their essay. The exam also includes an unscored essay written in response to a prompt. There are two scheduled 10-minute breaks.

Lower Level for applicants to Grades 5 and 6

Verbal Reasoning	34 questions	20 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning	38 questions	35 minutes
Reading Comprehension	25 questions	25 minutes
Mathematics Achievement	30 questions	30 minutes
Essay	1 prompt	30 minutes

Total Test: 2 hours, 20 minutes + two 10-min breaks

Middle Level for applicants to Grades 7 and 8

Verbal Reasoning	40 questions	20 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning	37 questions	35 minutes
Reading Comprehension	36 questions	35 minutes
Mathematics Achievement	47 questions	40 minutes
Essay	1 prompt	30 minutes

Total Test: 2 hours, 40 minutes + two 10-min breaks

Upper Level for applicants to Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Verbal Reasoning	40 questions	20 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning	37 questions	35 minutes
Reading Comprehension	36 questions	35 minutes
Mathematics Achievement	47 questions	40 minutes
Essay	1 prompt	30 minutes

Total Test: 2 hours, 40 minutes + two 10-min breaks

While testing fees and the registration process may vary, the test itself is uniform across all testing locations. To learn more about your ISEE testing options, please visit www.iseetest.org.

In-Person Testing

At-School Testing..... \$130 - \$170

Many member schools offer testing for the convenience of local students and families. The number of students testing at a site will vary by school. Primary Level exams are \$130. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$170.

In-Office Testing \$185 - \$255

ISEE testing offices offer small group (standard and accommodations) or individual (accommodations) testing. For students applying to Grades 2-4, small group testing is \$185 and individual testing is \$210. For students applying to Grades 5-12, small group testing is \$225 and individual testing is \$255. The number of students testing in the group and the availability of individual testing will vary by location.

Prometric Test Centers..... \$250

Prometric is a global testing services provider that offers testing for applicants to Grades 5-12 in the online test format only. Prometric Test Centers are not reserved exclusively for ISEE and there may be other students or adults testing here. **A parent or guardian is required to stay at the test center with their student for the duration of the test. There are no exceptions to this rule. Prometric Test Centers require original identification documents for both students and parents.**

At-Home Testing

At-home testing allows students to take the ISEE remotely. It is only offered in the online test format. **A parent or guardian is required to be home during the duration of their student's at-home exam. ISEE is not responsible if your home internet connection is interrupted during testing.**

School-Administered At-Home Testing \$130 - \$170

Member schools may offer at-home, online testing. Primary Level exams are \$130. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$170.

ISEE-Administered At-Home Testing \$185 - \$250

ISEE administers at-home, online testing with trained and vetted testing proctors. Primary Level exams are \$185. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$250.

Office-Administered At-Home Testing \$185 - \$250

Select ISEE Testing Offices administer at-home, online testing with accommodations only. Primary Level exams are \$185. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$250.

Registration

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend registering as early as possible in order to secure your ideal testing date. Families should verify any application deadlines with the school(s) to which their student is applying to ensure that score reports are received in a timely manner.

Online Registration No Additional Fee

Registering online at iseeonline.erblearn.org is the fastest and easiest way to secure a testing date. Families can create an online account to register and manage testing for multiple students. Each student within the account will have a separate profile and testing dates.

Phone Registration..... No Additional Fee

Call 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday) to register by phone.

Score Recipients

If families wish to send score reports to schools, they must add the desired school(s) to their student's score recipients list. You can select score recipient schools at the time of registration or after you receive your copy of your student's score report. Recipient schools **cannot be removed** from the list once your student has started the exam.

Be sure to verify any deadlines for receiving scores with the school(s) to which you are applying. You can manage your list of score recipients at iseeonline.erblearn.org or by phone with ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday).

Student Directory Information

After registration but before your student tests, ISEE may share your student's information (name, address, parent's email, phone number, grade applying for, and test date) with the schools you select as score recipients. If you do not want this information shared prior to testing, please check the appropriate box at the time of registration.

Current School

During registration, families are asked for the name of their student's current school for data collection purposes. This information is shared only with the schools you select as score recipients.

| Testing Policies

Verification Letter

Families receive a Verification Letter via email that confirms their registration details. Check this email to ensure that all information is correct. Without a Verification Letter, test registration is not confirmed. For in-person testing, a copy of this letter must be presented at your testing location when you check-in for testing.

If you do not receive a Verification Letter or it contains errors, call ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday). You may also edit your registration information at iseeonline.erblearn.org.

At-Home Testing Requirements

Prior to their at-home test day, families need to download the testing application and connect a second camera in order to complete a "practice check-in" to confirm if their device can support testing. The practice check-in should be conducted at least three days in advance of the test day. **ISEE is not responsible if your home internet connection is interrupted during testing. A parent or guardian is required to be home during the duration of the exam.** Read our complete testing instructions at www.erblearn.org/remote-testing/isee.

When To Check-In

For in-person testing, arrive at your testing location by the check-in time listed on your Verification Letter. For at-home testing, start the check-in process 30-minutes prior to your scheduled testing time. No one is permitted to check-in after testing begins. Late arrivals must reschedule and incur a rescheduling fee.

Student Identification

Students are required to present identification during check-in at all test locations. A photo ID is required for students taking the Upper Level exam. **Prometric Test Centers require original ID documents for both students and parents.** For a list of accepted forms of ID, please visit www.erblearn.org/isee-instructions.

If a student's identity is in question before, during, or after an exam, ISEE will not release test scores and reserves the right to investigate the matter at the expense of the family. ISEE may, at its discretion, disclose the results of any such investigation to the schools to which scores were intended to be sent and to all appropriate government regulators.

Rules and Regulations

To preserve the integrity of the test and to create a safe and productive testing environment, please refer to the rules and regulations at www.erblearn.org/isee-instructions.

Prohibited Materials

No books, rulers, calculators (unless a student has an ISEE approved accommodation for calculator use), smart devices (including wearables), or mobile devices of any kind (unless registered for the ISEE Online at Home where a mobile device is authorized for the second camera or due to a student's medical diagnosis) may be brought into the testing room by candidates. If a student does not comply, they will be excused from testing and their test will be invalidated. Families may not receive a refund for invalidated tests.

What To Bring

- All students may bring a snack and drink to have during the scheduled break(s).
- Students taking the **in-person, paper** format should bring four sharpened #2 or HB pencils, four erasers (if not part of the pencil), and two black or blue ballpoint pens (erasable pens are permitted) into the testing room.
- Students taking the **in-person, online** format are provided with pencils and scratch paper by the test site.
- Students taking an **at-home** exam should have four pieces of scratch paper, two pencils, and/or two pens (erasable pens are permitted) in their testing room.

Score Reports

You will receive an email when your student's score report, the Individual Student Report (ISR), is posted to your account online at iseeonline.erblearn.org. Students who took online exams will receive scores within three to five days. Students applying to Grades 2-4 who took paper exams will receive scores within seven to fourteen days. Students applying to Grades 5-12 who took paper exams will receive scores within five to ten days.

Score reports include an overview of your student's performance on each of the test sections compared to that of their peers, as well as their performance broken down by subsection categories. These scores are based only on the number of questions your student responded to correctly. Incorrect answers are not deducted from your score. Score reports do not indicate how many times a student has tested within a 12-month admission cycle nor does the report list any score recipients other than the individual school receiving the report.

The essay section for students applying to Grades 5-12 is not scored. The schools selected as your score recipients will receive a copy of this unscored essay. For security purposes, families do not receive a copy of the essay. Students applying to Grades 2-4 do not complete a writing sample.

For help interpreting your ISEE score report, please email iseescores@e3n.org or visit www.iseetest.org.

Other Services

These services are available at iseeonline.erblearn.org or by calling ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday).

Rescheduling \$50 (minimum)

To reschedule a test date, you will be charged a minimum \$50 fee up to forfeiture of your entire registration fee. The fee will vary by testing location and rescheduling date. For most test locations, you can reschedule online or by phone with ISEE Operations. For more information, visit www.iseetest.org.

Cancelling \$55 (minimum)

To cancel a test date, you will be charged a minimum \$55 fee up to forfeiture of your entire registration fee. The fee will vary by testing location and cancellation date. In order to receive a refund, the test must be cancelled within 90 days of the original registration payment. Tests that are cancelled more than 90 days after the registration date (not the test date) will not be refunded.

For most test locations, you can cancel online or by phone with ISEE Operations. For more information, visit www.iseetest.org.

Late Registration..... \$45

For paper exams, a late registration fee will apply after the regular registration window has closed. You may complete your late registration either online or by phone.

Walk-in Registration..... \$60

For paper exams, some schools offer walk-in registration if students missed the registration deadline. To arrange walk-in registration, contact the admission office of the school where you are hoping to take the test. Walk-in registrations are processed online at iseeonline.erblearn.org using a unique Walk-In Code that is distributed by the test site.

Hand Scoring for Paper Tests..... \$55

This option is only available for Lower, Middle, and Upper Level paper tests. Families may request hand scoring to verify the initial machine scoring. Please contact ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday) for more information.

Renorming for a Different Grade \$45

When the possibility of repeating a grade is under consideration, families may request renorming for a lower grade. This is only available for students originally applying to Grade 6 who wish to be renormed for Grade 5, students originally applying to Grade 8 who wish to be renormed for Grade 7, and students originally applying to Grade 10, 11, or 12 who wish to be renormed for Grade 9, 10, or 11 respectively. Primary Level tests cannot be renormed. Please contact ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday) for more information.

I Tips for Testing

In general, students perform best when they prepare over a period of time. Frantic, last-minute cramming is not typically a successful approach.

Listen very carefully to the instructions provided by the test administrator.

Attempt to answer every question as there are no penalties for incorrect answers—scores are based only on your correct answers.

Do not spend too much time on any one question; it is better to make an educated guess and then go on to the next question to avoid running out of time.

You may return to skipped questions **within the current test section** if time permits.

When taking a paper test, unprinted space in the test booklet may be used as scratch paper.

Remember that each student's test performance is compared only to the performance of students at their same grade level.

Students may bring a snack and drink to have during the scheduled break(s).

We're here to help.



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