

# **Taipei American School**

## **Standardized Testing Requirements for Admission to Grades 4 to 12**

### **School Year 2019-20**

#### **Standardized Test Scores**

Students applying to Grades 4-12 must submit scores from a standardized test that was taken within two years of the date of application. If current standardized test scores are not available, the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) is required of students applying to Grades 4 to 12. For students applying to grades 2 and 3, standardized test scores are not required but are highly desirable. The ISEE is required of students applying to Grade 4 and above who are identified as English language learners. The ISEE scores will meet the standardized test scores requirements.

#### **All applicants applying to Grades 9 to 12**

Students applying to Grades 9 to 12 must submit current scores from one of the following standardized tests:

- The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). The ISEE is required of students, who are identified as English language learners. The ISEE scores are needed to determine academic English language proficiency. The ISEE scores will meet the standardized test scores requirement.
- ERB's CTP (Comprehensive Testing Program), ERB's Writing Assessment Program (WrAP), Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), California Achievement Test (CAT), Standardized Testing and Report (STAR), IOWA Test of Basic Skills, Secondary School Admission (SSAT), Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), PSAT, College Board's SAT, or ACT.
- State achievement tests in the United States. These are standardized tests required by American public schools.
- Scores from other standardized tests may be submitted upon the approval of the TAS Admissions Committee.

#### **All applicants applying to Grades 6-8**

Students applying to Grades 6 to 8 must submit current scores from one of the following standardized tests:

- The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). The ISEE is required of students, who are identified as English language learners. The ISEE scores are needed to determine academic English language proficiency. The ISEE scores will meet the standardized test scores requirement.
- ERB's CTP (Comprehensive Testing Program), ERB's Writing Assessment Program (WrAP), Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), California Achievement Test (CAT), Standardized Testing and Report (STAR), IOWA Test of Basic Skills, Secondary School Admission (SSAT), or Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE).
- State achievement tests in the United States. These are standardized tests required by American public schools.
- Scores from other standardized tests may be submitted upon the approval of the TAS Admissions Committee.

#### **All applicants applying to Grades 4 to 5**

Students applying to Grades 4 to 5 must submit current scores from one of the following standardized tests:

- The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). The ISEE is required of students, who are identified as English language learners. The ISEE scores are needed to determine academic English language proficiency. The ISEE scores will meet the standardized test scores requirement.
- ERB's CTP (Comprehensive Testing Program), ERB's Writing Assessment Program (WrAP), Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), California Achievement Test (CAT), and IOWA Test of Basic Skills.
- State achievement tests in the United States. These are standardized tests required by American public schools.
- Scores from other standardized tests may be submitted upon the approval of the TAS Admissions Committee.

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**Registration Instructions**  
**Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)**

**Background**

The ISEE is a widely recognized admission test for private schools in the United States and throughout the world. The ISEE assesses verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, math achievement, and essay writing. Taipei American School, in partnership with Educational Records Bureau (ERB), will offer the ISEE at TAS. TAS is a closed ISEE test site and only invited applicants may take the ISEE at TAS. TAS administers the online primary level 4.

Students who are not in Taiwan may register to take the ISEE at other designated test sites listed on the ISEE website [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org). Online ISEE testing is available through [Prometrics](#) for students who reside in an area in the United States or abroad where regularly schedule test administrations are not available.

**Registration Instructions for Students Applying to Grades 5 and Above:**

Registration Deadline	Test Date	Location
July 11, 2019	Thursday, August 1, 2019, 8:30AM	TAS
October 12, 2019	Saturday, November 2, 2019, 8:30AM	TAS
February 8, 2020	Saturday, February 29, 2020, 8:30AM	TAS
March 14, 2020	Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:30AM	TAS

NOTE: A student takes the ISEE for the grade that the student is applying to enter at TAS. For example, a student applying to Grade 6 should sign up to take the ISEE Grade 6 level test.

**Students applying to Grade 4:** Students applying to Grade 4 will take the primary 4 level which is available online at TAS. Registration and test dates are above.

If invited to take the ISEE at TAS, the student must complete the ISEE online registration. The cost to register online is US\$120. TAS is a closed test site and only invited students are eligible to take the test at TAS. After the registration is received, ERB will send you a verification letter.

If the above TAS administration dates **for Grades 5 and above** are not convenient, students may sign up to take an online ISEE by registering with Prometrics. The online ISEE test can be scheduled through [Prometrics](#). *TAS administers the online primary level 4 and is open to invited students.*

**Preparing for the ISEE**

Additional information on the ISEE is available at [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org). The ISEE Student Guide and a free preparation book, [What to Expect on the ISEE](#), can be downloaded from the ISEE website. **For TAS admissions, students may take the ISEE only once within a six-month period.**

**ISEE Scores**

ISEE scores will be sent to the TAS admissions office approximately 7 to 10 days after the test administration. Parents can receive the results by logging on to the ISEE parent portal. Scores can also be obtained by email or by calling ISEE for an extra fee of US\$35.