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Quick Facts Guide

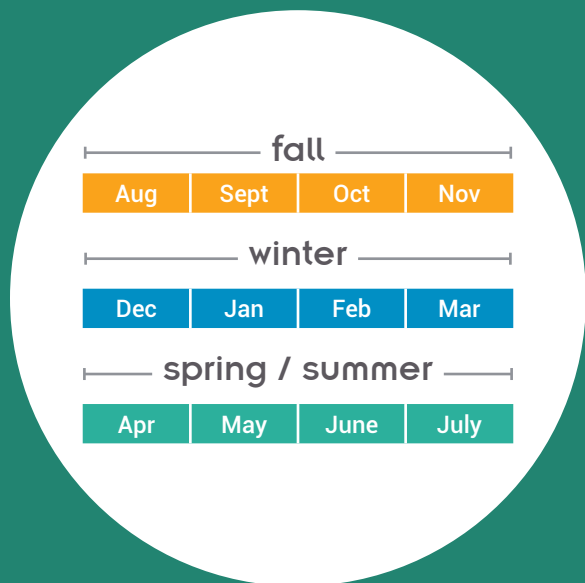
www.iseetest.org

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. ERB 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

ERB makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to students with a documented learning difference or disability. Students must be approved for accommodations by ERB **before** they can register for a test.

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

ERB 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 2, 3, and 4 Levels 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 5- to 10-minute break.

Primary 2 Level for applicants to Grade 2

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| Reading | 24 questions | 27 minutes |
| Mathematics | 24 questions | 26 minutes |

Total Test: 53 mins + one 5- to 10-min break

Primary 3 Level for applicants to Grade 3

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| Reading | 24 questions | 28 minutes |
| Mathematics | 24 questions | 26 minutes |

Total Test: 54 mins + one 5- to 10-min break

Primary 4 Level for applicants to Grade 4

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| Reading | 28 questions | 30 minutes |
| Mathematics | 28 questions | 30 minutes |

Total Test: 60 mins + one 5- to 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 5- to 10-minute breaks.

Lower Level for applicants to Grades 5 and 6

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| 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 5- to 10-min breaks

Middle Level for applicants to Grades 7 and 8

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| 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 5- to 10-min breaks

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

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| 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 5- to 10-min breaks

| In-Person Testing

There are a variety of in-person locations at which your student can take the ISEE. While testing fees, format, and the registration process may vary, the test itself remains uniform across all testing locations. To learn more about your ISEE testing options, please visit www.iseetest.org.

At-School Testing..... \$125 - \$155

Many ERB 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 \$125. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$155.

In-Office Testing..... \$180 - \$245

A variety of ISEE testing offices offer small group or individual testing. For students applying to Grades 2-4, small group testing is \$180 and individual testing is \$205. For students applying to Grades 5-12, small group testing is \$215 and individual testing is \$245. The number of students testing in the group and the availability of individual testing will vary by location.

Prometric Test Centers..... \$235

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. While testing fees and the registration process may vary, the test itself is uniform across all testing locations. **A parent or guardian is required to be home during the duration of their student's at-home exam.** ERB is not responsible if your home internet connection is interrupted during testing. To learn more about your ISEE testing options, please visit www.iseetest.org.

School-Administered At-Home Testing \$125 - \$155

Many ERB Member Schools administer at-home testing. Primary Level exams are \$125. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$155.

ERB-Administered At-Home Testing..... \$155 - \$205

ERB administers at-home testing with trained and vetted testing proctors. Primary Level exams are \$155. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$205.

| 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. There are no additional fees for students testing with accommodations.

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..... Additional \$30

Registration by phone incurs an additional fee of \$30. Call the ISEE Operations Office at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00am - 5:00pm ET, Monday - Friday) to register.

| 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 free of charge at iseeonline.erblearn.org. There is a \$30 fee to manage score recipients over the phone with ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00am - 5:00pm ET, Monday - Friday).

Student Directory Information

After registration but before your student tests, ERB 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

After registering for a test, you will receive a Verification Letter via email that confirms your registration details. Upon receipt of this email, please check that all student information and registration details are 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 by email or your Verification Letter contains errors, please call the ISEE Operations Office at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (646) 503-2691 (9:00am - 5:00pm ET, Monday - Friday). You may also edit your registration information by logging into your account at iseeonline.erblearn.org.

At-Home Testing Requirements

In order to ensure a smooth testing process, families that are taking an at-home test must complete a few preparation procedures prior to test day. You will need to download the testing application and complete a system readiness check on the device you plan to use for testing. **ERB 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 their student's at-home exam.** Be sure to read our complete at home 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, begin the check-in process 15-minutes prior to your scheduled testing time. No one is permitted to check-in after testing begins. Late arrivals will have to reschedule and will incur a rescheduling fee.

Student Identification

Students are required to present identification at check-in on the day of testing. **Prometric Test Centers require original identification documents for both students and parents.** For a list of accepted forms of identification, please visit www.iseetest.org.

If a student's identity is in question before, during, or after an exam, ERB will not release test scores and reserves the right to investigate the matter at the expense of the family. In addition, ERB 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.

Testing Materials

No books, rulers, calculators (unless a student has an ERB approved accommodation for calculator use), smart watches, or mobile devices of any kind (unless due to a medical diagnosis or authorized as a secondary device for at-home testing) 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.

Students may bring a snack and drink to have during the scheduled break(s). Students taking the paper test modality may 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 an at-home exam may have four pieces of scratch paper, two pencils, and/or two pens (erasable pens are permitted) in the 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 score reports within three to five days. Students applying to Grades 2-4 who took paper exams will receive score reports within seven to fourteen days. Students applying to Grades 5-12 who took paper exams will receive score reports 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 more information about interpreting your ISEE score report, please email iseescores@erblearn.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 (9:00am - 5:00pm ET, Monday - Friday). Requesting services by phone may incur an additional \$30 charge.

Rescheduling \$40 (minimum)

To reschedule a test date, you will be charged a minimum \$40 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 an additional fee. For more information, visit www.iseetest.org.

Cancelling \$45 (minimum)

To cancel a test date, you will be charged a minimum \$45 fee up to forfeiture of your entire registration fee. The fee will vary by testing location and cancellation date. For most test locations, you can cancel online or by phone with ISEE Operations for an additional fee. For more information, visit www.iseetest.org.

Late Registration..... \$30

At some locations, late registration may be available after the regular registration window has closed. You may complete your late registration either online or by phone for an additional fee.

Walk-in Registration..... \$40

Some schools offer walk-in registration for paper exams if students missed both the standard and late registration windows. To organize 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..... \$50

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 (9:00am-5:00pm EST, Monday - Friday) for more information.

Renorming for a Different Grade \$40

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 (9:00am-5:00pm ET, Monday - Friday) for more information.



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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