Introduction

Why is FLI required?

Horace Mann School and Riverdale Country School requested that First Look Insights, LLC ("FLI") administer a virtual tool to be used as another data point that supports a robust view of applicants applying for admission for the 2027-28 school year.

What does it assess?

FLI will assess age-appropriate academic skills for learners applying to Horace Mann School and Riverdale Country School. FLI considers the educational content young learners have been exposed to, learned, and retained. The results offer a helpful snapshot of each learner's readiness and contribute to the schools' holistic understanding of every applicant. While important, the data gathered in this session is just one part of the broader admissions process.

Preparation

How is FLI administered?

- FLI is conducted one-to-one via a web-based platform, accessible on Wi-Fi compatible devices like laptops, desktops, and tablets. However, using a cell phone for administration is discouraged.
- Learners must wear comfortable, child-appropriate headphones. If your device doesn't have a built-in microphone or speakers, the headphones should include a built-in mic. Wired or wireless headphones are both acceptable, but EarPods are not permitted.
- A trained administrator will welcome the learner via a secure online platform.
- After the caregiver confirms that the learner's headphones are properly set, and they are prepared to begin, the administrator will provide guidance through a brief tutorial. This tutorial will instruct the learner on how to respond to questions, provide answers, and work with sample items.
- The formal session will commence once the learner has shown a clear grasp of the requirements and expectations. **Full instructions and meeting details will be provided after registration is complete.*

How to Prepare?

- Prepare your learner by having them practice using headphones in advance to ensure a good fit and working audio.
- To familiarize yourself with the process, join a practice meeting by clicking HERE.
    - If you encounter any issues, you can find helpful information and tips at the Zoom Support Center by clicking HERE.
- During practice, let your learner use the electronic device they intend to use on the administration day.
- Inform your learner that they will be interacting with someone interested in learning about something they know.
- Encourage your learner to pay attention to the administrator's instructions.
- Explain that they are not expected to know every answer, and it's okay to seek clarification by asking the administrator to repeat questions as needed.

Who are the administrators?
Early childhood education specialists well-versed in child assessment and virtual facilitation.

Caregiver Participation
Caregivers play a supportive but limited role. Only one adult may accompany the learner prior to the session. Their main responsibility is to ensure the learner is properly set up with all necessary equipment.

Please note:

- Recording or sharing any part of the assessment is not permitted.
- Caregivers may not assist their child with any part of the assessment.

Reports

Will families receive a report?
Yes. The electronic copy of the report will be sent exclusively to the caregiver who registered the learner. This report will offer detailed information on the learner's individual performance, including the number of items answered correctly and incorrectly.

Fees

- Kindergarten Applicants: $55 (for those applying to Horace Mann and Riverdale)
- Grade One Applicants: $155 (for those applying to Horace Mann)

**Rescheduling, cancellation, or no-show will incur additional fees. Please refer to the registration details for more information.*

Registration

- Registration for the 2027-28 school year opens September 21, 2026
- Appointments will be available from October 2026 through January 15, 2027.

How do I register?

- Click HERE or scan the QR code to complete your registration.

How often can my child take FLI?
Learners may only take the FLI once per admission season. A retake may be allowed only if requested and approved by the applying school.

Still have questions?
Email us at FirstLookInsights@gmail.com.