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Quick Facts Guide

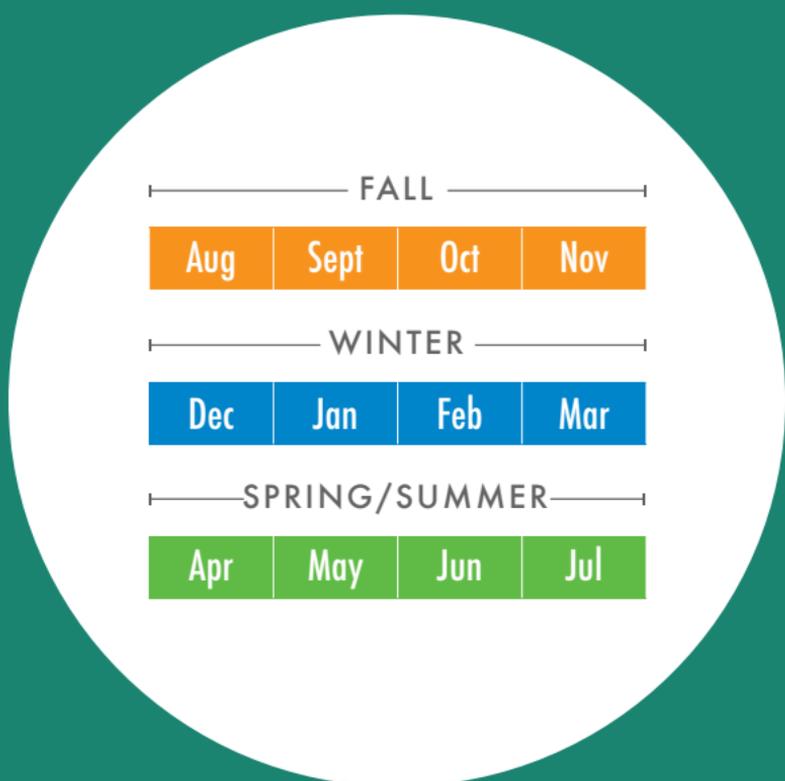
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The ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam) is the preferred admissions assessment of select schools around the world for students entering Grades 2-12. Rigorous and reliable, the ISEE provides advanced insights to schools to help guide admissions 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 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 solution. Students with fee waivers will have the opportunity to sign up for the test preparation program for free at the time of test registration.

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 Dr. Ben D. Wood fee waiver to cover the testing fee at a school test site or a Dr. David Magill fee waiver to cover the testing fee at a Prometric Test Center.

| 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 use.

There are multiple program options to choose from, including a free trial version, and students that receive fee waivers for the ISEE itself can access the program free of charge. More than 135,000 students have prepared for success using Test Innovator programs. Learn more at www.iseetest.org.

Testing Levels and Modalities

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 modalities have the same number of questions, the same timing, and the same opportunities for students to change their responses. The online modality requires students to select multiple-choice responses digitally and type their essay or writing sample. The paper modality requires students to bubble-in their multiple-choice responses on a separate answer sheet and handwrite their essay. For security purposes, there are a variety of forms for each level.

ISEE Primary Levels Online Modality

The ISEE Primary 2, 3, and 4 levels are for students applying to Grades 2, 3, or 4 respectively. ISEE Primary is only available at select test sites offering the online modality. The test is comprised of multiple-choice questions in Reading and Mathematics. The Primary 2 Level also features multiple-choice questions in Auditory Comprehension.

Primary 2 Level for applicants to Grade 2

Auditory Comprehension	6 questions	7 minutes
Reading	18 questions	20 minutes
Mathematics	24 questions	26 minutes
Writing Sample*	1 picture prompt	Untimed

Total Test: 53 mins + writing sample time + one 5- to 10-min break*

Primary 3 Level for applicants to Grade 3

Reading	24 questions	28 minutes
Mathematics	24 questions	26 minutes
Writing Sample*	1 picture prompt	Untimed

Total Test: 54 mins + writing sample time + one 5- to 10-min break*

Primary 4 Level for applicants to Grade 4

Reading	28 questions	30 minutes
Mathematics	28 questions	30 minutes
Writing Sample*	1 prompt	Untimed

Total Test: 60 mins + writing sample time + one 5- to 10-min break*

*At-home exams do not include a writing sample. Because of this, there are no scheduled breaks for at-home exams as the total testing time is one hour or less.

In-person exams also include an unscored writing sample; there is no writing sample for Primary Level ISEE At Home tests. All Primary Level in-person exams also include one scheduled 5- to 10-minute break.

Lower, Middle, and Upper Levels Paper or Online Modality

The Lower, Middle, and Upper levels are for students applying to Grades 5-12. ISEE for Grades 5-12 is available in either the paper or online modality. 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 test also includes an unscored essay written in response to a prompt. Lower, Middle, and Upper Levels include two scheduled 5- to 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 5- to 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 5- to 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 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, modality, and the registration process may vary, the test itself remains uniform across all locations. To learn more about your ISEE testing options, please visit www.iseetest.org.

Large Group Testing\$140

Many ERB Member Schools offer ISEE testing for the convenience of local students and families. The number of students testing at a site will vary by school.

Prometric Testing..... \$200

The ISEE Online for applicants to Grades 5-12 is offered at numerous Prometric Test Centers across the United States and internationally. Families should be aware that Prometric Test Centers are not reserved exclusively for ISEE testing—there may be other students or adults testing at these centers. **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.**

Small Group or Individual Testing \$200-\$225

A variety of ISEE testing offices offer small group or individual testing. Small group testing is \$200 and individual testing is \$225. The number of students testing in the group and the availability of individual testing will vary by location.

| At-Home Testing

ERB offers multiple remote testing options so that students can take the ISEE from the comfort and safety of their homes. All remote testing options only offer the online version of the ISEE. While testing fees and the registration process may vary, the test itself is uniform across all options. To learn more about your ISEE testing options, please visit www.iseetest.org.

School Administered ISEE At Home.....\$140

Some schools choose to administer the ISEE at Home directly to their applicants. To register for this option, families must have a private registration code provided by an application school. Please contact the schools to which you are applying to inquire about school-administered remote exams.

ERB Administered ISEE At Home \$150-\$200

This option is available to all families and is administered by trained and vetted ERB testing proctors. To register, simply select the ERB Administered ISEE At Home option during the online registration process. Primary Level exams are \$150. Lower, Middle, and Upper Level exams are \$200.

Registration

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We recommend registering as early as possible in order to secure your ideal testing date. Families should verify any application deadlines with the schools to which their student is applying to ensure that score reports are received in a timely manner. All registration fees are the same regardless of whether students are testing with or without accommodations.

Phone Registration..... Additional \$30

Register by phone with the ISEE Operations Office at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (919) 956-8524 (9:00am - 5:00pm EST). Registration by phone will incur an additional fee of \$30.

Online RegistrationNo Additional Fee

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

Score Recipients

Families automatically receive a digital copy of their student's score report in their online account. If families wish to send score reports to schools, they must add the desired school(s) to their student's score recipient list.

Families can select recipient schools at the time of registration or after their score report is available. However, be sure to verify any school-specific score reporting requirements and deadlines. Families can manage their list of score recipients from their account online at iseeonline.erblearn.org free of charge. There is a \$30 fee to manage score recipients over the phone with ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (919) 956-8524 (9:00am - 5:00pm EST).

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.

| 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 arrive 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 (919) 956-8524 (9:00am - 5:00pm EST). You may also edit your registration information by logging into your account at iseeonline.erblearn.org.

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 approved accommodation for calculator use), smart watches, or mobile devices of any kind (unless 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 available. Reports are typically posted to your online account on the Monday, Wednesday, or Friday after testing.

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; there are no penalties for incorrect responses. Only multiple-choice questions are scored. The writing sample or essay is not scored.

Schools will also receive a copy of your student's unscored writing sample or essay—families do not receive a copy for security purposes. Score reports do not indicate how many times a student has tested within a 12-month admission cycle nor do they list any score recipients other than the individual school receiving the report.

For more information about interpreting your ISEE score report, please email iseescores@erblearn.org.

Other Services

These services can be purchased at iseeonline.erblearn.org or by calling ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (919) 956-8524 (9:00am - 5:00pm EST). 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 testing locations, late registration may be available after the regular registration window has closed. You may complete your late registration either online or by phone with ISEE Operations for an additional fee.

Walk-in Registration \$40

Some large group testing sites offer walk-in registration for students who missed both the regular 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 only 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

Families may request that a paper answer sheet be hand scored to verify the initial machine scoring. Please contact ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (919) 956-8524 for more information.

Rescoring for a Different Grade \$40

Families may request rescoring for one grade below their student's actual placement grade. This is usually appropriate when the possibility of repeating a grade is under consideration. Due to differences in test levels, this service is only available for students originally applying to Grade 6 who wish to be rescored for Grade 5, students originally applying to Grade 8 who wish to be rescored for Grade 7, and students originally applying to Grade 10, 11, or 12 who wish to be rescored for Grade 9, 10, or 11 respectively. Please contact ISEE Operations at 1 (800) 446-0320 or 1 (919) 956-8524 for more information.



Tips for Testing

In general, students perform best on the ISEE when they prepare over a period of time. Frantic, last minute cramming for the test is not typically a recipe for success.

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

There are no penalties for guessing incorrectly; your score is based only on the number of correct answers.

You should attempt every question that you think you can answer correctly, but do not spend too much time on any one question; it is better to go on to the next question.

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

When taking the paper test modality, 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.

We're here to help.



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