



2012-2013 Admissions Policy Grades K - 1

Open to any child in the State of Louisiana, admission to ISL is based on a lottery system which takes into account a required percentage of at risk students.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

To enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by September 30th. To enter first grade, children must be 6 years old by September 30th of the academic year applying.

All applicants must complete only **one** application. The application allows you to choose first through fourth choices of campus and target language. Once your completed application has been processed you will receive, via e-mail, a random application number, which will be your lottery number. This number is specific to your application and should be kept in a safe secure spot. Lottery numbers (no names) will be posted on ISL's web site with updates.

Only completed applications are entered into a random lottery. Each field must be completed including household income and language selection. All requested documentation must be submitted before an admissions decision is made. ISL is unable to make copies of requested documents. Copies must be submitted by the applicant. First grade applicants must submit a copy of their Kindergarten report card along with the application. Any notations on the report card with unsatisfactory or needs improvements may exclude the applicant as being considered for the first grade.

Once the random drawing takes place ISL will proceed down the list of applicants in the order pulled in the lottery to advance students to the assessment stage of admission, if a position that was applied for is available. If the space(s) that have been applied for are not available at that time, the applicant will be passed over. As positions open up, we will continue to fill starting at the top of the list, as needed. School-administered language readiness assessments will then be scheduled for those who are likely to be placed in a class. First graders will also be administered a readiness assessment, which is used to determine admission in conjunction with kindergarten report cards. Once you have an assessment date scheduled and you do not show for the assessment, your application will be placed at the bottom of the wait list. If you are unable to attend the assessment and notify us within 48 hours of your scheduled time, the assessment will be rescheduled.

Siblings of current ISL students will bypass the lottery but must advance through the standard application procedure, which includes timely submission of a completed ISL application and successful completion of a school-administered kindergarten or first grade assessment. Sibling admissions decisions will be based on these conditions. A sibling must have either the same father or mother's name on their birth certificate to qualify them as a sibling. If adopted or guardianship applies, legal documentation must be provided to determine eligibility.

Students who withdraw from school and subsequently wish to return are subject to the same admissions requirements as new incoming students with regard to language fluency.

Placement of Non-native and/or non-target-language immersed 1st grade students enrolling after the first day of school but within the first two weeks will not exceed more than two students per class.

Students beginning two weeks after the start of school must be either native speakers or educated in an accredited target language immersion environment. A language proficiency assessment will be conducted before being accepted.

Students wishing to transfer from one ISL campus to another ISL campus must complete an ISL Campus Transfer Request Form, which can be obtained by contacting the Data Department.

International School of Louisiana admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.