



Admissions Process

Student Admissions Assessment Information Sheet

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Brief Description

Every student applying to IPS requires an in-house learning assessment as part of the application process. The assessment measures reading comprehension, spelling, writing and applied math problem solving skills; the outcome provides a snapshot of basic skill competencies, problem solving and fluency. These results help establish an initial educational profile of the student but do not necessarily impact whether or not a student is admitted.

What to expect at the assessment

The assessment is conducted by a member of the Learning Support Team and usually takes 1.5 hours. It is normal for the time to vary dependent on the student. There are some sections that are self-paced and others that are directed by a Learning Support Team member. The assessment is divided into subsections: reading, spelling, math and writing. The questions progress from easier to harder. For the writing sample, the students will be given two topic choices and the sample is timed.

How should we prepare for the assessment?

Please make sure your child is rested and adequately fueled for the day.

As a parent, you can help your child prepare mentally for the assessment but your child need not study. It is important to convey to your child that the assessment is used to get an overview of their strengths and opportunities and not for grading purposes. It is vital for the teachers at IPS to prepare for all student needs and have adequate support in place from the beginning of the year. The results of this assessment are just one aspect of the overall student profile which includes report cards, interviews and any other independent assessments collected during the application process.

Helpful things to tell your child before the assessment

Relax. Ask questions if you don't understand. Listen to, or read instructions carefully.

Can I sit in on my child's assessment?

No, but you can remain at the school while the assessment takes place. The assessments are conducted on a tight schedule and a member of the learning support team may not have a chance to talk to you directly that day. You will receive a summary report of results via email.

What do you do with the results?

We will email you a summary of the results and keep a copy on file to share with the teachers should your child attend IPS. The assessment is used to support our planning process.

Who is on the Admissions Team?

The admissions team is made up of the Head of School, the Assistant Head of School, the Director of Operations and the Learning Support Coordinator.

How do I book the Student Assessment?

Student Assessments are set up by appointment. Please book a spot online [here](#).

Note: *If your child has an existing IEP or a psych-ed assessment, please ensure you provide copies with your application and contact the Learning Support Coordinator, [Amanda Szabo](#), to discuss prior to booking the Student Assessment.*