



ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Grades 1 thru 8 – Returning Students:

Returning students whose registration fees are received by ISSD prior to the deadline (as published in the Admission Calendar) will receive priority over new students for placement.

Grades 1 thru 8 – New Students:

Before a student may enroll at ISSD, parents must provide proof of immunization or certification of exemption from immunization requirements. In addition, parents are required to attend orientation for families new to the ISSD program. Students who seek admission directly following suspension, expulsion, or behavior problems and/or students whose citizenship grades are below “satisfactory” may not be considered for admission. Students applying to 1st – 8th grade will take an Admissions Test. Of those students who pass the test with satisfactory results for their grade level, acceptance is given in order of the following criteria:

- 1) Child of ISSD staff member
- 2) Child has sibling currently registered at ISSD
- 3) Date that the application form and application fee were received
- 4) Child’s date of birth

Students who qualify, but do not get selected once the class has reached the maximum capacity of 20, will be placed on a waiting list pending availability. Parents will be notified once a seat becomes available.

Kindergarten – New Students:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT: Student must be five years old before December 2nd of the current academic year in order to be considered for admission in September.

Academically, we expect our kindergarten children to be fully prepared to move from kindergarten on to our first grade program. Therefore, it is essential that children begin their academic careers in a program that best meets their developmental maturity level in order to ensure that they will make the necessary progress, socially and academically. At ISSD, the most fundamental criteria are **readiness**. Children applying to kindergarten at ISSD are screened for readiness. They will all be tested. Children showing the developmental readiness for the full-day program are offered placement in concurrence with our acceptance policy. Of those children who qualify by age and readiness as determined by the screening test, acceptance is given in order of the following criteria:

- 1) Child of ISSD staff member
- 2) Child has sibling currently registered at ISSD
- 3) Date that the application form and application fee were received
- 4) Child’s date of birth

Students who qualify, but are not selected once the class has reached capacity, will be placed on a waiting list pending availability. Parents will be notified once a seat becomes available.

Kindergarten - Conditional Eligibility Opportunity

If the Kindergarten capacity limit cannot be filled with **eligible students**, ISSD will consider applications for **conditionally eligible students** according to the following criteria:

The Child must be five years old before February 2nd of the academic year, and pass the kindergarten readiness test. Acceptance will then be given in order of the following criteria:

- 1) Child of ISSD staff member
- 2) Child has sibling currently registered at ISSD
- 3) Date that the application form and application fee were received
- 4) Child’s date of birth

A child who has been accepted for admission within the conditional eligibility option may only attend school once they have reached the age of 4 years and 9 months, providing there are still no “eligible” children to fill the class.