



Seattle-Tacoma Consortium

The Seattle/Tacoma Consortium of Independent Schools, which includes Annie Wright, Bear Creek, Bellevue Children's Academy, Bush, Charles Wright, Eastside Catholic, Eastside Preparatory School, The Evergreen School, Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, The French American School, Lakeside, Northwest, Overlake, Seattle Academy, Seattle Country Day, Soundview, University Prep, Villa Academy, and Vista Academy at Open Window, use the **Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE)** for our admission test.

The **ISEE ONLINE STUDENT GUIDE** is available from any one of the schools requiring the test and from many Seattle-area independent elementary schools. This guide includes the form required to register for the test, describes the test in detail, and leads you to the ISEE Web site, www.iseetest.org, which provides more details and sample test questions. A list of schools that are test sites, with their dates of testing, can be found on the reverse side of this sheet.

- The **REGISTRATION FEE** for the ISEE is \$80. If the \$80 registration fee is burdensome to you, you may request a fee waiver from any school to which you are applying for admission.
- **TEST EARLY: We encourage students to take the ISEE on the earliest possible test date.**
 - ISEE studies reveal that test scores are just as high for students who test in early fall as for those who test in winter.
 - Students who test early feel less stress than those who wait.
 - Students who become ill during winter flu season may not have time to reschedule. Your child may only take the ISEE once during the admission process.
 - **If your child requires testing accommodations please contact ISEE for locations of test sites that offer accommodations.**

INFORMATION REGARDING ISEE TEST RESULTS

We know that test results are often misunderstood and can be a source of anxiety. **Test results are just one factor** utilized in gaining a clear picture of each applicant and are, by no means, the sole criterion used. They serve to illuminate the school record and to provide us with a common denominator, given that the students who apply to our schools come from many different backgrounds. As educators, we are quite aware of what multiple-choice tests tell us, and of what they don't tell us, about a student. We know that such qualities as empathy, vision, motivation, resilience, patience, sense of humor, creativity, the ability to work independently, and a whole array of other human qualities are not measured by any standardized test. A former president of Educational Testing Service, the group that devises and now administers a number of standardized tests, once said, "Tests can't assess the glint in a student's eye." We wholeheartedly agree. Rest assured all the schools in this group take many factors besides standardized test results into account in our admission decisions.

The ISEE measures both ability to learn, through the verbal and quantitative reasoning sections, and achievement (what a student has learned), through the reading comprehension and mathematics achievement sections.

You may be perplexed by the fact that the test scores on the ISEE are lower than those on previous standardized tests your child has taken. In order to understand ability or achievement test scores, you need to be familiar with the group against whom the student is being compared, i.e. the norm group. The norm group in this case is the population nationwide who are applying to independent schools, a highly competitive population. To illustrate the significance of the different norms, a student's reading score at the 87th percentile level on a National Norm might equate to the 50th percentile on the Independent School Norm. Although test results may be helpful to you, we urge you to use your own best judgement in deciding whether to share these results with your child. Our concern focuses on the educational appropriateness of students discussing their ISEE results with their peers.

Please call any of us with questions or concerns. The web site address for ISEE is www.iseetest.org The phone number for ISEE is 800.446.0320.

SEATTLE/TACOMA CONSORTIUM (Testing for grades 5-12)

Large Group \$80

TEST DATE	REGISTER BEFORE	SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL LOCATION	TEST DATE	REGISTER BEFORE	SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL LOCATION
Oct. 25	Oct. 4	481714	Eastside Preparatory School 10635 NE 38th Place Kirkland, WA 98033	Jan. 11*	Dec. 20	481691	Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart 4800 139th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98006
Nov. 1	Oct. 11	481722	Vista Academy At Open Window School 6128 168th Place SE Bellevue, WA 98006 (Testing for grades 5-8)	Jan. 11* Test time: 1:00 p.m.	Dec. 20	481703	Villa Academy 5001 NE 50th Street Seattle, WA 98105
Nov. 8	Oct. 18	481120	Lakeside School 14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125	Jan. 17	Dec. 27	481368	Charles Wright Academy 7723 Chambers Creek Rd. West Tacoma, WA 98467
Nov. 8	Oct. 18	480073	The Overlake School 20301 NE 108th Street Redmond, WA 98053	Jan. 24	Jan. 3	481714	Eastside Preparatory School 10635 NE 38th Place Kirkland, WA 98033
Nov. 15	Oct. 25	481713	Bellevue Children's Academy 14600 NE 24th Street Bellevue, WA 98007 (Testing for grades 5-8)	Jan. 31	Jan. 10	481705	The Bear Creek School 8905 208th Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98053
Nov. 23* Test time: 1:00 p.m.	Nov. 1	480067	Eastside Catholic School 232 228th Avenue SE Sammamish, WA 98074	Jan. 31	Jan. 10	481720	Soundview School 6515 196th St. SW Lynnwood, WA 98036 (Testing for grades 5-8)
Dec. 6	Nov. 15	481127	The Northwest School 1415 Summit Avenue Seattle, WA 98122 (Testing for grades 6-12)	Jan. 31	Jan. 10	481169	University Prep 8000 25th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98115
Dec. 6	Nov. 15	481169	University Prep 8000 25th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98115	Feb. 7	Jan. 17	481355	Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Avenue Tacoma, WA 98403
Dec. 7*	Nov. 15	481691	Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart 4800 139th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98006	Feb. 7	Jan. 17	481368	Charles Wright Academy 7723 Chambers Creek Rd. West Tacoma, WA 98467
Dec. 13	Nov. 22	481713	Bellevue Children's Academy 14600 NE 24th Street Bellevue, WA 98007 (Testing for grades 5-8)	Feb. 7	Jan. 17	481722	Vista Academy At Open Window School 6128 168th Place SE Bellevue, WA 98006 (Testing for grades 5-8)
Dec. 13	Nov. 22	481085	The Bush School 3400 East Harrison Street Seattle, WA 98112	Feb. 21	Jan. 31	481368	Charles Wright Academy 7723 Chambers Creek Rd. West Tacoma, WA 98467
Dec. 13	Nov. 22	480067	Eastside Catholic School 232 228th Avenue SE Sammamish, WA 98074	Feb. 28	Feb. 7	481705	The Bear Creek School 8905 208th Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98053
Dec. 13	Nov. 22	481720	Soundview School 6515 196th St. SW Lynnwood, WA 98036 (Testing for grades 5-8)	Feb. 28	Feb. 7	481714	Eastside Preparatory School 10635 NE 38th Place Kirkland, WA 98033
Jan. 10	Dec. 20	481355	Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Avenue Tacoma, WA 98403	Mar. 7	Feb. 14	481355	Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Avenue Tacoma, WA 98403
Jan. 10	Dec. 20	481713	Bellevue Children's Academy 14600 NE 24th Street Bellevue, WA 98007 (Testing for grades 5-8)	Mar. 14	Feb. 21	481368	Charles Wright Academy 7723 Chambers Creek Rd. West Tacoma, WA 98467
Jan. 10	Dec. 20	481120	Lakeside School 14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125	Mar. 14	Feb. 21	481720	Soundview School 6515 196th St. SW Lynnwood, WA 98036 (Testing for grades 5-8)
Jan. 10	Dec. 20	481154	Seattle Academy 1432 15th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122	Apr. 18	Mar. 28	481355	Annie Wright School 827 North Tacoma Avenue Tacoma, WA 98403
Jan. 11* Test time: 1:00 p.m.	Nov. 1	480067	Eastside Catholic School 232 228th Avenue SE Sammamish, WA 98074				

* Non-Saturday test dates