



Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) Preparation

The ISEE is a three-hour admission test that has three levels: a Lower Level (currently in grades 4 & 5), Middle Level (currently in grades 6 & 7), and Upper Level (for students in grades 8-II). For all, the ISEE consists of three parts: (a) carefully constructed and standardized verbal and quantitative reasoning tests that measure your capability for learning; (b) reading comprehension and mathematics achievement tests that provide specific information about your strengths and weaknesses in those areas; and (c) an essay section. The ISEE evaluates not only your level of reading, but also your ability to comprehend material drawn from the sciences and humanities.

The ISEE essay is timed and written in response to a prompt. This essay is not scored; it is photocopied and sent only to the schools you requested.:

What to expect

With a little preparation, students can gain confidence in taking any standardized test. We find that simply familiarizing oneself with a particular exam is very useful and helpful for students—easing anxiety and feeling more prepared for test day. Our format is to begin with a practice test, score it, and write a comprehensive report to families post-exam. For some students, this is enough—gaining an overview of how the exam is administered and an understanding of *how* questions are asked. For some students, having a few follow-up sessions is helpful—building strategies for answering ISEE questions, learning material to grade level, and talking through ways to ease test anxiety. For each student, we format a program individualized to their learning style, with guided lessons in math, reading, writing, and test-taking strategies.

Cost and scheduling

Programs	Individual item cost	Practice test dates	By appointment
6 hours of instruction + practice ISEE + individualized report \$475	Practice ISEE + individualized report \$175	Saturday, September 27 Saturday, October 11 Saturday, October 25 Saturday, November 8 Saturday, November 22 Saturday, December 6	Practice tests may be administered by appointment.
12 hours of instruction + practice ISEE + individualized report \$715	Hourly rate for instruction: \$55/hr.	Test administration time: 9:00 – 12:00	Additional instruction is arranged by mutual agreement between families and BLLC.