

ADMISSIONS POLICY STATEMENT

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To enter the Nursery School program, students must be three years old during the calendar year in which they wish to enter the school, and they must be toilet trained. To enter the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade programs, students must be four, five, and six years of age, respectively, prior to December 31

of the year in which they seek entrance to the school.

Upon making an application, it should be noted that IST reserves the right to determine appropriate grade level placements within its school program. After First Grade, students will be placed according to their previous schooling, official transfer documents, their birth date, and their English language skills.

Placement exams may be utilized in order to inform the decision making process.

Students may enter the school with no English speaking skills at the Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten levels and will be enrolled in the regular classroom.



Since proficiency in English is required for students who follow the regular schedule on a full-time basis from Grade 2 onwards, non-English speaking students may be accepted only if they take part in the school's English Language Center Program. Students will remain in the ELC Program until they acquire the necessary English proficiency to join their appropriate grade level. Families must pay an additional fee for this Program for as long as the school deems it necessary. The school will make the final decision regarding ELC placement.

In extenuating circumstances, IST may accept students even if all of the required documents for admission, including official transfer papers from previous schools, are incomplete. If, after an initial six-week period of attendance, the school does not receive the necessary pertinent documents, it reserves the right to exclude the student(s) from classes.

The school recognizes that it is serving a transient student population and, while maintaining high academic standards, seeks to remain flexible in its program in order to accommodate the specific needs of students and their families. If it is felt students are unable to profit from the program, this will be communicated to families who make an application. Furthermore, if a student is enrolled and the school determines at a later stage that he/she finds it difficult to progress at an acceptable level as determined by our teachers, the school may stipulate that Special Needs assistance is necessary. However, if Special Needs is considered necessary, families will be required pay an additional fee for these services. As

in the ELC Program, the school will make the final decision regarding Special Needs placement.

In exceptional circumstances, it may be in the best interest of the student to be retained to repeat an academic year, be promoted to a higher grade level or to transfer to another school. Furthermore, when the presence of a student poses danger to the safety or welfare of other students and/or staff, removal or expulsion of a student may be necessary.

As the school has obtained the Italian "Parità Scolastica" in the Early Childhood and the Elementary School, it offers all students the opportunity to follow the Italian national curriculum in the Elementary School. In the Middle School all students are offered Italian as the first foreign language.

All students at the high school level will be expected to meet the necessary requirements for the IST American High School Diploma. Furthermore, the school offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Candidates for admission to this Program are required to discuss a possible course of study with the IB Coordinator before submitting the Request for Registration.

Approved by the Board of Directors

