



PROMISE Programs



IMSA is committed to excellence and equity including active recruitment of students from all areas of Illinois. IMSA's PROMISE Programs address the challenges of underrepresented and underserved students through year-round academic enrichment programming at low or no cost.

Held on the campus of the Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy in Aurora, Illinois with transportation provided from Chicago, PROMISE programs provide students the opportunity to work with IMSA faculty, staff and student mentors exploring IMSA's unique learning laboratory and encouraging future admission to its tuition-free residential Academy for tenth through twelfth graders.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exposure to curriculum that increases skills in math, science and English
- Hands-on learning
- Experience IMSA's residential environment
- Prepare for the Academy application process
- Family involvement in the program

7th – 8th Grade PROMISE Program:

Held on twelve Saturdays during the fall and winter.

8th - 9th Grade PROMISE Summer Program:

A two-week experience where participating students live on campus in IMSA residence halls.

9th Grade PROMISE Program:

Held on twelve Saturdays during the fall and winter.

APPLY AT IMSA.EDU

Admission to the PROMISE programs is by application only by visiting imsa.edu/admissions/promise.

Applications are accepted August through September for fall programs and March through April for the summer program.

The PROMISE Programs are an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about IMSA and the way we provide instruction. Participants work directly with IMSA faculty, staff and student tutors. Students participate in activities that encourage creativity, collaboration and thinking "outside of the box." Students who have an interest in attending IMSA can get a better feel for whether they are a good fit for the Academy.

**– Dr. Anita White
PROMISE Program Director**



2016/2017 Program Achievements:

- 44% of ninth grade PROMISE participants were admitted and enrolled at IMSA.
- 18% of IMSA's enrolled Class of 2019 previously participated in a PROMISE program.

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IMSA is funded largely by the State of Illinois, providing support for on-campus and statewide programs and services. IMSA also secures additional program support from local, state and federal government grants, as well as private donations and grants through the IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education (IMSA Fund).

Through this generous support:

- School-year PROMISE Programs are offered free of charge to qualifying individuals.
- A \$50 participation fee is required of participants in our PROMISE summer residential program.
- IMSA's three year residential academy is tuition-free. No student is ever refused enrollment because of inability to pay.

ABOUT IMSA

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA), the world's leading teaching and learning laboratory for imagination and inquiry, is a public, tuition-free residential Academy for Illinois students grades ten-twelve. IMSA has been named among the top 40 public and private high schools in the world by The Wall Street Journal and continues to create and develop a culturally rich and inclusive environment.

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