



Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy®

Preview Day

Sunday, December 4, 2016



Schedule



Time	Session Name	New Visitor Suggested Sessions	Location
10:30am–10:55am	Opening Session	✗	Gymnasium
11:00am–11:25am	Living at IMSA		Auditorium
	College and Academic Counseling		IN2 Tellabs Stage
	Campus Tour (Tour lasts 55 minutes)	✗	Gymnasium
11:00am–2:00pm	Optional Brunch (open hours)	✗	Cafeteria
11:30am–11:55am	Learning at IMSA	✗	Auditorium
	Student Inquiry and Research (SIR)		IN2 Tellabs Stage
12:00pm–12:25pm	Campus Tour (Tour lasts 55 minutes)		Gymnasium
	Living at IMSA	✗	Auditorium
	Mock Classes—Humanities		B and D Wing Classrooms
12:30pm–12:55pm	Learning at IMSA		Auditorium
	Mock Classes—Humanities	✗	B and D Wing Classrooms
	Mock Classes—Math/Science/Computer		A and B Wing Classrooms/Labs
1:00pm–1:25pm	Mock Classes—Math/Science/Computer	✗	A and B Wing Classrooms/Labs
	Activities and Athletics at IMSA		Auditorium
	IN2: Innovation and Inquiry at IMSA		IN2 Tellabs Stage
1:30pm–1:55pm	IMSA Talent: Student Entrepreneurs		IN2 Tellabs Stage
	Student Panel	✗	Auditorium
	Mock Classes—Math/Science/Computer		A and B Wing Classrooms/Labs
2:00pm–2:55pm	Applying Yourself: Admissions (2 concurrent sessions)	✗	Auditorium and Pearson Lecture Hall

Program descriptions

Opening Session

Welcome

Dr. José Torres

President

Dr. Marie Dillon Dahleh

Principal

Program Overview

Ms. Kelly Lofgren

Director of Admissions

Session Descriptions

Activities and Athletics at IMSA

Mr. Quintin Backstrom

Coordinator of Athletics and
Co-Curricular Activities

Applying Yourself

Description of the application process
with question and answer session

Ms. Kelly Lofgren

Director of Admissions

Ms. Jennifer Banham

Admission Counselor

Campus Tours

Find out how our students live in their
“home away from home” by visiting
the residential halls. Walk through
the main building and discover how
our unique environment encourages
students to think “outside the box.”
(Tours run 55 minutes)

College and Academic Counseling

Discussion of IMSA's College and
Academic Counseling process

Ms. Julia Husen

Coordinator of College and Academic
Counseling

IMSA Talent: Student Entrepreneurs

Discover how IMSA students turn
great ideas into businesses.

Dr. Carl Heine

TALENT Program Director

IN2: Innovation and Inquiry at IMSA

Experience IMSA's NEW state-of-the-
art Innovation Hub

Ms. Britta McKenna

Chief Innovation Officer

Learning at IMSA

Discussion of IMSA's Curriculum
and Teaching Method

Ms. Tracy Townsend

English Faculty/Curriculum and
Assessment Leader

Living at IMSA

Discussion of IMSA's Residential
Life Program

Ms. Alexandra Johnson

Area Coordinator

Mock Classes—Humanities

Attend a Mock Class

You choose the subject:

- English
- Fine Arts
- Social Science
- Wellness
- World Language

IMSA Faculty

Mock Classes—Math/Science

Attend a Mock Class. Experience
learning math and science at IMSA
first-hand. (Mock classes fill quickly.
Please plan accordingly.)

IMSA Faculty

Optional Brunch

Available for \$5.00 per person.
Cash Only

Student Inquiry and Research (SIR)

Students plan, investigate, analyze, and
communicate scholarly investigations
on- and off-campus guided by
scientists, scholars, and/or educators.

Dr. Sanza Kazadi

Director of Student Inquiry and
Research

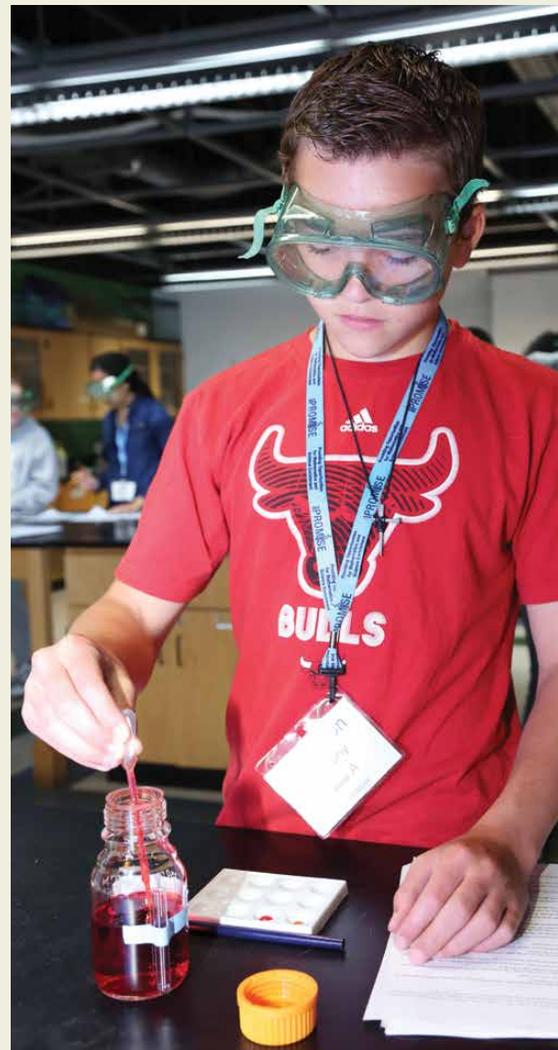
Student Panels

Students share their experiences
about their journey and give you an
opportunity to ask questions.

Moderator:

Mr. JaRod Tobler

Admission Counselor



Greetings from the President

Welcome to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, where expectations are high, risk-taking is encouraged, imagination and inquiry abound, and hard work pays big dividends. Welcome to IMSA, where talented students from all areas and backgrounds strive and thrive. As you experience our Preview Day, you will see many though not all of the incredible opportunities we provide for students to develop their talents and interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and in other areas. You will also see our lighter side; yes, IMSA people know how to have fun!

Since joining IMSA, I have been inspired by the quality of teaching and learning I have seen firsthand both in and out of the classroom. I also love our shared commitment to "advance the human condition." That energizes many students, parents, faculty and staff members, board members, alumni, funders, partners and friends, and compels us to go after big problems that matter, challenge each other to grow and improve, and blaze new trails.

Take full advantage of today. Ask questions, large and small; observe and listen keenly. Students, picture yourself learning and living here. Moms and Dads, do the same; how will you "parent from a distance," actively supporting yet also letting go? Be sure to consider both the advantages and disadvantages of IMSA as you decide whether to apply. There are sacrifices. But for most families who ultimately choose the IMSA option, this proves to be one of the best decisions of their lives. We hear this from many of our alumni and their parents years and now even decades later. Our oldest alumni are now entering their mid-40s, many with teenagers of their own.

IMSA is made possible primarily by the taxpayers of Illinois with additional support from private sector donors. We are fortunate to live in a State that continues to choose to invest in our unique teaching and learning laboratory with its academic/residential program for talented students and its statewide extension programs. Future researchers, inventors, entrepreneurs, educators and policy leaders in STEM, we are honored by your presence on our campus today. Thank you for bringing your parents and other family members too! After today, please continue to learn about us by visiting the links below on our website and our official Facebook page.

Enjoy IMSA Preview Day!
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Learning at IMSA Happens All Day Long!

Be part of collaborative innovation in action with the following areas:

Need directions? Stop by the Informational Booth for assistance to and from sessions:

Cafeteria area

IN2, the Steve and Jamie Chen Center for Innovation & Inquiry, is now open and showcases a state-of-the-art 6,400 square foot space on IMSA's campus for the Academy to collaborate with the community. IN2 features an Idea Bar, maker space, Learning Lab, Café, LaunchPads for Start-Ups and resident projects that advance the human condition as well as an Entrepreneur in Residence office for mentoring. From 11am until 1pm IN2 will be offering open maker space activities during that time in the Makerspace:

IN2

IMSA Robotics:

College and Academic Counseling area

IMSA parents and alumni invite you to join them for coffee, punch, cookies and good conversation:

Cafeteria area

Refreshments and IMSA gear will be available for sale through our Class Clubs:

Cafeteria area

Our Information Resource Center (IRC) library is open to visitors throughout the day:

Second floor

Applications are available online at:
www.imsa.edu/admissions/application

Application deadline is:
February 1

