

# PROMISE

## P R O G R A M S

Providing Opportunities for Mathematics and Science Enrichment



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 culturally, linguistically and economically diverse 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 humanities
- Inquiry-based hands-on learning
- Experience IMSA's residential environment
- Prepare for the Academy application process
- Family involvement in the program

### PROGRAM CALENDAR

- 7th and 8th Grade: Held on select Saturdays during the months of October to January.
- Summer between 8th and 9th Grade: A ten day experience where students live on campus in IMSA residence halls.
- 9th Grade: Held on select Saturdays during the months of October to January.

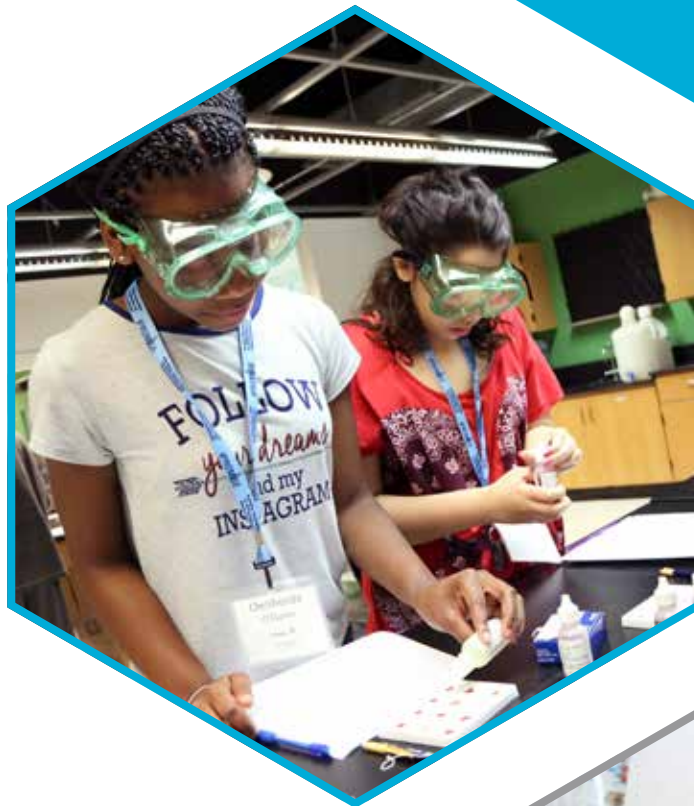
### 2019 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- 70% of ninth grade PROMISE participants were admitted to IMSA.
- One in five students in IMSA's admitted Class of 2022 previously participated in PROMISE.

### APPLY AT IMSA.EDU

Applications are accepted August through September for fall programs and March through April for the summer program. Admission to the PROMISE programs is by application only.

**To apply, visit**  
**[imsa.edu/admissions/promise](https://imsa.edu/admissions/promise)**





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 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



“I think the PROMISE programs are an invaluable resource that every underrepresented student should take advantage of because it truly presents a once in a lifetime opportunity and changes lives just like it changed mine.”

» Clinton Oshipitan, Class of 2018  
QuestBridge Scholar attending Amherst College

## FEES

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 students in our 9th grade 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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