

CLASS OF 2026 REQUIRED ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Below you will find information about essential dates and deadlines to complete your enrollment as an Admitted or Wait Pooled student. To maintain your status, you are responsible for the adherence to deadlines and completion of the items detailed in this document. We have updated this handout with the latest information available as of **March 31st, 2023**. If any changes are made, you will receive written notification to the email addresses and/or home mailing address listed on your application, and it will also be updated in the Orientation portal.

ONLINE STUDENT PORTAL

To ensure ease of access, students and parents are encouraged to utilize our online student portal. To access the Class of 2026 Orientation portal, you will need to go to www.imsa.edu/student-life/orientation and enter **Orientation2026** as the password. From there you will be able to find links to all required steps below as well as important updates.

CONFIRM YOUR DECISION

Due by May 8th, 2023

On May 1st, all students will be emailed instructions to officially respond to their decision along with a non-refundable seat reservation fee of \$250 for Admitted students. Waitpool students will not be asked for a seat deposit until they have been invited to join the Class of 2026 as an Admitted student. ALL Admitted and Waitpool students must complete the other required steps below in order to maintain their status. Students are also welcome to an online Q&A session May 6th 3:00 pm-5:00 pm co-hosted with our Parent Association Council, PAC. You will be able to get your questions answered from Parents and students from your area. The Zoom link can be found in your Orientation Portal.

If you have any questions regarding the admissions decision process, please contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@imsa.edu.

PLACEMENT TESTING

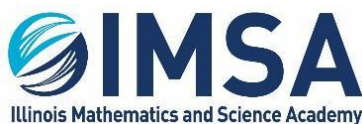
TEST REGISTRATION

Due by May 8th, 2023

Placement testing is for all admitted and waitpool students, for placement into classes for the fall. All students are required to take tests in Mathematics; World Language is required if a language has been studied; and Science is optional. All placement tests will take place either on IMSA's Campus or at a downstate location in Litchfield. You will receive an exam site communication from the Principal's office noting your assigned location, which will include testing time and departure instructions. If you have any questions about your assigned location, you may email prinoffc@imsa.edu.

You will need the following information to complete the online Placement Information registration form: Grades and textbooks from Math courses the student has taken beginning with Algebra 1/Math 1 through to the current Math course, including the name of the current Math teacher. Fine Arts courses can be selected at this time. These will take approximately 1 hour to complete.

Your registration link was emailed to you on May 1st and contains a unique link that you'll use to register for placement testing. This is the same email with the instructions to officially respond to your admissions decision.



PLACEMENT TESTING DAYS

May 12th at Litchfield, IL or May 19th at IMSA, Aurora II

Placement testing is for all admitted and waitpool students for placement into classes for the Fall 2022. You will be required to have a picture ID in hand for check-in. We recommend that you bring a minimum of three, #2 pencils. Calculators will be allowed for portions of selected exams; however, proctors will announce when a calculator can and can not be used.

Placement Testing Day check-in will be 8:00am-9:00am and exams will begin promptly at 9:00am. Departures will be dependent upon the pre-selected exams. Parents will not be allowed to accompany students to the testing area. Due to restrictions, lunch will not be provided on site, but please feel free to bring your own snacks and lunch, which must remain in your bag until the designated lunch time.

If you have any questions regarding placement testing, please contact the Principal's Office at prinoffc@imsa.edu.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REGISTRATION FORMS

Due by May 31st, 2023

All parents of admitted and waitpool students for the Class of 2026 must complete all required forms listed in PowerSchool, prior to May 31st. **A late fee of \$50.00 will be charged for any late forms.** The registration forms are available in PowerSchool under FORMS. Log into your parent PowerSchool account using the Access ID and Password that were sent to you by mail with your decision letter along with instructions on how to log in. Waitpool students should not submit any payments (orientation, student fees, etc.) until they are invited to attend IMSA.

If you have any questions regarding the required annual registration forms, please contact Minerva Ratsamy in the Student Affairs Office at mratsamy@imsa.edu.

SUMMER ORIENTATION

June 16th, June 17th, June 25th, 2023

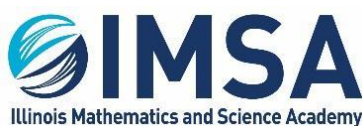
All admitted and waitpool students for the Class of 2026 must participate in a Summer Orientation session. The purpose of Summer Orientation is to help students prepare for the necessary adjustments to Academy life. This will be an in-person experience and is designed to ease the transition to the Academy for students and parent(s)/guardian(s). The cost is \$65.00 per person and is collected at the time of registration. Students who receive free or reduced lunch will receive a fee waiver code to enter when registering.

Families **must** register for one in-person session. Due to capacity limitations and to ensure the best experience for incoming families, please limit attendance to the incoming student and one parent/guardian. Sessions will last all day (8-5). See below for the following date:

- Accepted Students:
 - Friday, June 16, 2023
 - Saturday, June 17, 2023
- Waitpool Students:
 - Sunday, June 25, 2023

Orientation registration opens on May 1st, 2023 at 8 am. Register [HERE](#) for orientation!

*Waitpool students are required to attend a session as well but will not have to pay unless they later are admitted as an accepted students to the Academy. Please use the following code to register for the June 25th, 2023 orientation session: **WAITLIST26**



** Accepted students who qualify to receive free or reduced lunch please use the following code to register for June 16th or 17th, 2023: **OFL2026**

If you have any questions regarding orientation, please contact Emma Wilson in the Student Affairs Office at ewilson1@imsa.edu. Students are also invited to join the IMSA Class of 2026 Facebook group.

Auditions for Band/Orchestra and Choir

In order to participate in the IMSA Music program, all students must audition. The audition is designed to determine each student's preparedness for the Band, Orchestra and Choir. Band / Orchestra, and Choir students will have (3) three date opportunities to audition: Friday, 6/16, Saturday, 6/17 and Sunday, 6/25. There are many times available on each day, please be sure to scroll down once you have clicked on the link of choice below to find the three date options. All student auditions will take place during the Orientation. [Click HERE](#) to access the sign up links and further information for auditions.

EXCEL PROGRAM (SELECTED STUDENTS ONLY)

Sunday, July 9th – Friday, July 28th, 2023

If an admitted student is selected to participate in the EXCEL program, it is a MANDATORY, three-week summer academic experience prior to enrolling at the Academy. EXCEL is designed to improve a student's academic skills in math, science and English. Students are selected in part, based on placement test results. Self-nomination to EXCEL is not permitted. Notifications for those selected to participate in EXCEL will be released by mid-June, as well as confirmation that the program will be conducted on-campus at IMSA.

If you have any questions regarding EXCEL, please contact: Dr. Anita White at awhite@imsa.edu

IN-STATE STUDENT FEE PAYMENTS

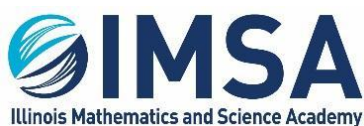
National Programs Applications for Student-Fee reductions are due by July 15, 2023

In-State Student Fee Payments and Fee Agreements for payment plans due by August 1, 2023

With your decision letter mailing, Illinois students will receive instructions to access IMSA's student information system, Powerschool, and payment portal, MySchoolBucks, in preparation for the July invoice of student fees. All initial payments and full payments must be made online through the MySchoolBucks link in the PowerSchool parent/guardian account, upon receipt of the July invoice or by the payment deadline of August 1, 2023. Please note that this deadline only applies to admitted students. Waitpool students will not be invoiced a Student/Class fee until enrollment is offered and then will need to make payment.

Class of 2026, IMSA's In-State Student Fee structure is based on the National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs (the "National Programs"). IMSA assesses this fee on a six-tier sliding scale—\$6,413, \$5,264, \$3,939, \$2,907, \$1,654, and \$601—depending on the student's total family income and the number of family members in the household. The annual student fee (\$6,413) will be the same for each of the three years the student attends IMSA. Reduction in the annual fee is determined each school year, as described below.

Any Illinois family that wishes to apply for a student fee reduction must complete the [National School Programs Application](#). IMSA will not utilize or disclose personal information received from this form, except to determine a student's fee reduction. If you choose to submit the National Programs Application, please complete and submit to the IMSA Office of Business and Financial Services (OBFS) before July 15th, 2023. If you feel that your family's special circumstances merit consideration of financial aid in addition to whatever fee reduction your completed National Programs Application may qualify you for, please submit a written statement outlining these circumstances along with your application. The IMSA Office of Business and Financial Services will contact you as quickly as possible regarding the status of your student fee reduction application.



Student Fee Payments

- To access all information about student fees and access forms visit: imsa.edu/fees
- Due date: All initial-payments, or full-payments, must be made online through the MySchoolBucks link in your [PowerSchool](#) parent/guardian account on or before August 1, 2023.
- Amount Due: The entire yearly fee amount is due in full, on or before August 1, 2023.
- Payment Plans: IMSA also offers an installment payment plan option. If you choose the payment plan option the one time non-refundable \$50.00 Payment Plan fee will also need to be paid on your Student's account once the first partial payment is received. Plus you will need to submit the "2023-2024 Financial Responsibility Agreement" to OBFS. While you will be emailed the Financial Responsibility Agreement form you may also access it online as well.
- Accepted forms of online payment: Electronic-check, electronic-savings withdrawal, or credit card.
- Online payment access: Class of 2026 families will receive an email notification of invoicing information in early July, 2023.

All initial-payments, or full-payments, must be made online through the MySchoolBucks link in the PowerSchool parent/guardian account, upon the date of invoice through August 1, 2023. If you do not pay the \$50.00 Payment Plan Fee, the entire yearly fee amount is due on or before August 1, 2023.

If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact the Office of Business and Financial Services (OBFS) at busofc@imsa.edu or 630-907-5031.

PHYSICAL/HEALTH EXAMS

Due by August 1st, 2023

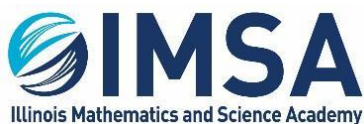
Due to the nature of IMSA's residential setting, new physical exams are required for all incoming Class of 2026 students. **Physicals must be dated on or after May 15, 2023** to be valid for the 2023-2024 academic school year. Physical exams must be submitted to the School Nurse by August 1, 2023. Physical Exam forms can be found at this link: [State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination](#) or from your Health Care Provider. *Please complete and sign the health history on the top 1/3 of the second page before uploading the form into PowerSchool.* Log into your parent PowerSchool account using the Access ID and Password that were sent to you by mail with your decision letter along with instructions on how to log in. Locate the FORMS tab and upload the documents under the corresponding file. IHSA sports forms will not be accepted.

If you have questions about physical requirements, health forms, or other health related issues, please contact the Health Office at nurse@imsa.edu or 630-907-5008.

HOUSING INFORMATION

An important part of the residential experience at the Academy is learning how to live with a roommate. This involves patience, compromise, mutual respect, and common courtesies. New students are assigned rooms and roommates during the summer based on information provided on roommate preference forms. Roommates are matched according to sex, similar interests, lifestyles, and personal requests. Only mutual roommate requests are matched. Returning students made their requests during the previous spring term. Incoming Sophomores can make mutual requests using the form provided below.

[Sophomore Housing Form 2023-2024](#) - Every Sophomore MUST fill out this housing form. **This form is due June 30th, 2023.** If you do not turn in a housing form, your housing assignment will be assigned based on information provided through the registration process.



[Roommate Request Form 2023-2024 Academic Year](#) - If you have the name of a student you would like to specifically request as your roommate for next year please submit your request to this form.

Note that both students should fill out this form, for the request to be considered. Making a request is NOT a guarantee but the Housing Coordinator will do their best to match roommates according to this form. **This form is due no later than July 3rd, 2023.**

Students and families, please communicate with one another regarding the Housing form to avoid multiple submissions.

MOVE IN

Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

All enrolled students for the Class of 2026 will move-in on August 16th between 9:00am and 11:00am. Beginning the afternoon of August 16th, students will participate in orientation and welcome week programs before the first day of classes on August 21st. Parents/guardians will be invited to attend brief meetings following move-in. Additional details regarding move-in will be communicated by the Student Affairs Office later in the summer.

If you have any questions regarding Move-In, please contact Minerva Ratsamy in the Student Affairs Office at mratsamy@imsa.edu.

TRANSFER OF RECORDS

Monday, August 21st, 2023

An official transcript from your pre-IMSA institution is required to fully complete enrollment at IMSA. Student transfers and transcripts need to be sent to IMSA prior to the first day of class. A records transfer consent form must be sent to your home school prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year to ensure records arrive in time. This form can be found in your orientation portal or on the Registrar page of the IMSA website. Note that some schools require that records be requested directly by a school official, so please let us know if we need to contact your student's home school for their records.

For questions about transferring student transcripts, please contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@imsa.edu.

CONVOCATION

Friday, August 18, 2023

Convocation is the official start to the new school year. Formal dress is required for this student event. This tradition expresses the spirit of a dynamic, learning community by establishing a formal celebration which sets the tone for the upcoming year.