

Applicants to Grades 5 and 6 at Wise School are required to take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). This test is a standardized exam designed to assess a student's academic achievement and is produced by the Educational Records Bureau (ERB).

The ISEE is a three-hour admission test for lower, middle, and upper level students. The lower level is for students applying to Grades 5 and 6, the middle level is for students applying to Grades 7 and 8, and the upper level is for applicants applying to Grades 9 through 12.

The test consists of several parts: verbal and quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, mathematics achievement, and an essay section. The ISEE evaluates not only a student's level of reading, but also his or her ability to comprehend material drawn from the sciences and humanities.

There are two breaks incorporated into the test, so students should plan to bring a snack.

The complete ISEE Student Guide can be downloaded from the ERB website ([www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org)) in a PDF format. You may register online at [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org). A student may take the test only once during the admission process, and may not take the test for practice. The test must be taken during the school year for which the student is applying.

The ISEE will be administered at many independent schools in the Southern California area. Students can take the test at any of the test sites, as there will be no admission-related activities at that site on the day of the test. The test location chosen will in no way affect an admission decision and, therefore, should be chosen based on convenience.

We encourage students to register for the ISEE as early as possible because test sites fill up quickly - sometimes in advance of the close of the registration date. Wise School requires that ISEE results be received by January 30, 2015. Schools begin to offer the test in November. ISEE studies reveal that test scores are just as high for students who test in the fall as for those students who test in the winter.