

ADMISSION TESTING

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

A brief student observation and on-site assessment are required. Upon receipt of your application, the Office of Admission will schedule your child's observation date.

KPREP AND KINDERGARTEN

POPCS uses the Gesell Developmental Assessment for KPrep and Kindergarten applicants. The Gesell is a developmental evaluation rather than an academic test and has no right or wrong answers. The evaluator sits and talks with your child as they perform several tasks such as drawing, building and following instructions. The evaluator will consider the processes, the organization, the method, the overt behaviors, verbalization as well as the end product to determine the child's developmental age in motor skills, language, personal, social and adaptive areas. Children feel very much at ease and perform at their developmental level. This is approximately a thirty-minute evaluation that is one-on-one between the tester and the student. A test time will be scheduled by the Office of Admission after your application and application fee have been received.

GRADE 1

The Admission Assessment for Beginning Learners is used to test students entering grade 1. The AABL is a child-friendly assessment of an early learner's development in verbal and quantitative reasoning, early literacy, and mathematics. The Office of Admission will schedule a test time and send registration information after your application is received. There is a \$65 testing fee, which is paid upon registration for the test. For more information about the AABL, visit <https://www.erblearn.org/parents/admission-testing-aabl>.

GRADES 2-4

The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) Primary Test is used for grades 2-4. The hour-long test is made up of reading and mathematics sections, and a short writing sample. The Office of Admission will schedule a test time and provide registration information after your application is received. There is a \$105 testing fee, which is paid upon registration for the test. For more information about the ISEE test, visit www.iseetest.org.

GRADES 5-12

POPCS uses the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) for grades 5-12. The ISEE is a three-hour test with 3 different levels. The lower level is for students currently in 4th and 5th grades who are candidates for admission to 5th and 6th grades. The middle level is for students in 6th and 7th grades who are candidates for 7th and 8th grades. The upper level is for students in 8th – 11th grades who are candidates for 9th – 12th grades.

Students may test at a number of area sites including POPCS during the Dallas testing schedule. POPCS will administer the ISEE on Saturday, January 21, 2017 and Saturday, February 18, 2017. Most group testing takes place in December, January and February. Limited test times are available through June. Fees vary according to advance registration.

Registration and payment for the ISEE test must be completed in advance. For information regarding testing locations and fees, or to register your child for the ISEE test, visit www.iseetest.org.