

Frequently Asked Questions

What takes place during a shadow visit?

Students will check in at IMSA between 7:30 am - 7:45 am and then be paired with an IMSA student host. From 8:00 am - 2:15 pm visitors will attend classes, informally tour the Academy, and have lunch in the Cafeteria. At 2:15 pm, all visitors will be escorted to IN2 (IMSA's Innovation Center) for a Q&A session with an Admissions Counselor. Parents are welcome to attend the Q&A session. Finally, at 3:00 pm families will depart.

When can I shadow at the Illinois Math and Science Academy?

8th and 9th grade students who have submitted an application or are in the process of applying are welcome to schedule a visit. We will host Shadow Day guests on November 1, 2018, December 6, 2018, and February 7, 2019. All visits will take place from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on those dates.

How do I schedule a shadow visit?

You must complete the online registration via the link that will be sent to applicants. All visits must be approved and confirmed prior to your arriving at IMSA. Once your request is submitted, a member of IMSA Admissions will contact you to confirm your visit and answer any additional questions.

Can I request a person to shadow with?

If you know a current IMSA student with whom you'd like to shadow, please state that in your registration. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but there are no guarantees due to student schedules, exams, special events, etc.

When and where should I arrive for my shadow visit?

You should arrive by 7:45 am at our main entrance (West Parking Lot with the circle drive by resident halls). A representative from our Admission Office will be there to meet you at the front desk. There, you will be introduced to your IMSA host and provided with a lunch ticket for the school cafeteria. Parents have the option to come to the Q&A at 2:15 pm.

What is the attire for a Shadow Day?

Students may wear a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or sweater, and jeans or other pants are appropriate. Students should also wear gym shoes in the case they will be attending a Wellness class. The building can be cold at times, so we suggest bringing a sweater.

What time does the Shadow Day end?

The day will end at 3:00 pm and parents should meet students at the main entrance.

Can I pick up my student before 3:00 pm?

While not recommended, we can accommodate student schedules for important afternoon activities. Please let us know of any conflict when you are registering and we will make sure that the student is at the front entrance at the requested time.

What should I bring with me for a Shadow Day?

We suggest that students bring a book or homework in the case of any down time. We will do our best to schedule students for an active classroom day; however, if there is a pop quiz or other individual work time, students will have the option to read or complete homework.

Are phones allowed during the school day?

Students will be able to have their phones on themselves but with restrictions: all phones must be turned off or kept on silent mode while in the main building; and when in use, students must be courteous of activities and daily business of the Academy and use proper phone etiquette.

I am running late, what should I do?

Please contact the Office of Admissions at 630-907-5028. Late arrivals will connect with their host at a suitable time in order not to disturb class.

What other opportunities are available to visit campus?

We host 2 Hour Tours, Preview Days and Family Visits as other opportunities to explore IMSA. You can find more information here: <https://www.imsa.edu/admissions/experienceIMSA/visitingIMSA>.

Reminders:

- You must register online
- Arrive by 7:45 am
- Pick-up is at 3:00 pm
- Lunch will be provided
- Please dress comfortably