



LOS ANGELES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEMINAR

The Roadmap to Independent School Admission
May 20, 2021

Program Overview

- Introductions
- What is an Independent School?
- Why Choose an Independent School?
- Affording an Independent School Education
- Your Roadmap and Next Steps
- Q&A

What is an Independent School?

- Public, Charter, Magnet, Private, **Independent**
- Mission Driven
- Independent in Every Sense of the Word
- Flexibility and Freedom

So... Why Choose an Independent School?

- Focus on Whole Child/Holistic
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Quality of Teaching
- Community-Minded
- Wide-Ranging Opportunities

Affording Independent Schools

- Explore your options!
- What is Financial Aid?
- What does Financial Aid cover?
- What is the process to apply for Financial Aid?

Your Roadmap Ahead

❑ EXPLORE & LEARN (NOW!)

Learn about Programs, Special Interests, Financial Aid, Dates and Deadlines

❑ INQUIRE/MAKE PLANS TO VISIT (Spring/Summer/Fall)

- Virtual, in-person, admissions events, community events
- Track dates and deadlines

❑ APPLY! (July-January)

- Application for Admission:
 - Application
 - LAIS Forms (Teacher Recommendations, Transcripts)
 - Interview, Screening/Assessment, and Visit Appointments*
 - Standardized Testing, writing samples*
- Apply for Financial Aid (if applicable)

❑ DECISIONS & ENROLLMENT DEADLINES (March & possibly rolling)

- Admission and Financial Aid Decisions released in Early March
- Enrollment due shortly after (all shared LAIS dates)

Explore Websites & Fill out Inquiry Forms!

1) EXPLORE WEBSITES (NOW!)

Start with <https://losangelesindependentschools.org>

Learn about Programs, Special Interests, Financial Aid, Dates and Deadlines

2) INQUIRE/MAKE PLANS TO VISIT (Spring, Summer, Fall)

- Go to the school websites and submit basic family information– some schools allow you to do this years in advance!
- Dates and Deadlines
- Plan to come for an event! (on campus or virtual)

Applications & Decisions

3) **SUBMIT & COMPLETE APPLICATIONS** (*Summer through early Winter*)

Some schools start the process with an application rather than an Inquiry Form

- Application for Admission:
 - Application & Fee
 - Teacher Recommendations (LAIS Teacher Recommendation Form)
 - Grades/Standardized Testing/Transcripts (LAIS Transcript/Records Form)
 - Standardized Testing*
 - Student Screening/Evaluation/Assessment/Play-Date/Visit Day*
 - Interview*
- Apply for Financial Aid (if applicable)

4) **DECISIONS/ENROLLMENT** (*March and sometimes ongoing*)

- Admission and Financial Aid Decisions released the 2nd Friday in March
- Enrollment Contracts (typically online), deposits, new student fees
- Wait Lists
- Rolling Admission