

NOTE: The ICS lottery deadline for 2008-2009 was 10/26/07; this application will be placed at the end of the waiting list for this grade.

Independence Charter School (ICS)

*105 S. 7th Street, 2nd floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106

*Please note that as of September 2008, ICS anticipates being at a new location at 16th & Lombard Streets

For ICS Use Only

Grade _____

Waiting List# _____

Sibling _____

Application for 2008-2009 School Year Only

-Please complete each item, sign, and date this application.

- A separate application must be submitted for each child for whom you are applying.

-Return the completed application to the school (you must come to the school in person; mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted) Monday through Friday between 9a.m. and 4:00p.m. (call if other arrangements need to be made).

-At the time of application submission, you must also bring your child's original birth certificate (we will make a copy of it while you are in the office) and an original proof of residence (current utility bill, mortgage or lease papers, etc).

-Missing information will result in the return of this application or disqualification.

-To be qualified to enter the kindergarten lottery, your child must turn 5 years old by 9/1/08.

-Applications for the lottery will be accepted through October 26, 2007 at 5p.m.

-The ICS lottery will take place on Friday, November 2nd at 7p.m. at the school.

Please note that ICS provides sibling preference, accepting siblings of current ICS students without a lottery if there is room in a given grade, and if a completed application is provided by the lottery deadline. Otherwise, siblings for whom applications are received after 10/26/07 will be placed at the end of the waiting list.

Independence Charter School of Philadelphia, PA is a state authorized public charter school which opened its doors in September, 2001 with Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The ICS charter was renewed by the Philadelphia School District in 2005; ICS is a K-8 school.

MISSION: to allow for the development of independence of thought and ideas; to ground students in democratic values and to expose young minds to a diverse array of cultures and ideas, all within the framework of a school that draws upon city resources and is responsive to the community.

FOCUS: fostering knowledge of a diversity of cultures, countries, landscapes, languages, and ideas; teaching fundamental democratic values; and imparting fundamental language, literacy, technology, and computational skills.

EMPHASIS: the arts, ideas, histories, and literature from cultures throughout the world; commitment to teaching Spanish to all students beginning in Kindergarten, including an optional Spanish Immersion Program.

Please Print

Child's Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Child's Address: _____ 191 _____
Street Address (no P.O. boxes)

If outside Philadelphia, list city and state _____

***MAKE SURE YOU KEEP ICS UPDATED REGARDING ADDRESS and/or PHONE NUMBER CHANGES!**

Gender: Male Female Child currently attending school? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Social Security No.: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with whom the child lives: _____

E-mail address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Current School/Pre-school: _____ Current Grade: _____

Present School Is: Public Charter Non-Private Private Home School Parochial Pre-School Daycare

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Grade entering in Fall 2008 (please circle one): K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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Independence Charter School is committed to teaching Spanish to all students. Unless a child is able to read and write (at grade level) in Spanish, students entering grades 2nd-8th as new admits to ICS will be placed in our Foreign Language in Elementary School(FLES) Program. The FLES program is conducted in English with Spanish (FLES) instruction occurring a minimum of 30 minutes a day, 3 to 5 times per week. However, there is an option to enroll in a Spanish immersion classroom for grades K and 1st. Spanish immersion classes are instructed in Spanish all day. The goal of Immersion classes is to have students emerge bilingual and biliterate in Spanish and English. For more information about both programs, visit our website at www.independencecharter.org or contact the school at 215-238-8000.

All new 1st grade applicants MUST show adequate progress in Kindergarten scores or current evaluation for placement in grade 1.

If your child is entering Kindergarten or First Grade, please indicate the program you are most interested in by checking **one** of the boxes below:

<input type="checkbox"/> FLES Program Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Immersion Option
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ICS provides sibling preference in the lottery for siblings of current ICS students who live in the same household as the current ICS student.

Does the child for whom you are applying have a sibling (brother or sister only) who lives in the same household and is currently attending ICS? ___ No ___ Yes If Yes, note name(s) and current grade(s) below:

Name of ICS Student	Current Grade

Does the child for whom you are applying have a sibling or siblings for whom you are also submitting ICS applications at this time? ___ No ___ Yes If Yes, note name(s) and the grade for which you are applying:

Name of Child who is applying to ICS (<u>not</u> including child on this application)	Grade the child will be in during the 2008-2009 school year

Parent/Guardian's Name (**PLEASE PRINT**)

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Independence Charter School is a tuition-free public school with preference of admission given to residents of Philadelphia. There are no entrance exams. Since we receive more applications than openings, a lottery is held to select students.

<p>For ICS Use Only</p> <p>COMPLETED Application Packet Received on _____</p>
