

Independence Charter School (ICS)

1600 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146

NOTE: The 2010-2011 student lottery application deadline has passed. Any completed applications received after 11/20/09 will be added to the end of the waiting list for that grade.

Application for 2010-2011 School Year Only

POST LOTTERY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete each item, sign, and date this application.
- A separate application must be submitted for each child applying.
- Return the completed application to the school.

Please note that ICS provides sibling preference, accepting eligible in-coming kindergarten siblings of current ICS students without a lottery and adding 1st-8th grade siblings to a sibling waiting list, only if a completed application is provided by the lottery deadline. Siblings for whom applications are received after the lottery deadline will be placed at the end of the waiting list.

Independence Charter School of Philadelphia, PA is a state authorized K-8 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; we anticipate our second renewal in 2010.

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 local and global community.

FOCUS: fostering knowledge of a diversity of cultures, countries, 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.

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: _____

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 _____

How did you hear about ICS? _____

Grade entering in Fall 2010 (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 and offers two different programs: Spanish Enhanced and Spanish Immersion. The Spanish Enhanced program is conducted primarily in English with Spanish instruction occurring a minimum of 30 minutes a day, 4 to 5 times per week. In the Spanish Immersion program, a large portion of the child's school day is conducted totally in Spanish. The goal of Immersion classes is to have students emerge bilingual and biliterate in Spanish and English. If ICS gets to a child's name on a Spanish Immersion waiting list, the family will be contacted to schedule a testing appointment to determine if the child would be able to be successful in the Spanish Immersion program (based on the child's ability to read, write and speak in Spanish at that time). For more information about our curriculum, 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.

Please indicate the program in which you are most interested by checking one of the boxes below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Enhanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Immersion
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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 2010-2011 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.

Admissions, the provision of services, and referrals of students shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, or sex.

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COMPLETED Application Packet Received on _____