

Shadow Day

Frequently Asked Questions

● What takes place on a shadow visit?

- Students will check in at IMSA between 7:30-7:45 am to be paired up with their IMSA student host. From 8-2:15 pm they will go to classes, see the Academy, and go to lunch. Once 2:15 arrives, they will come to IN2 and have a Q&A with our Admission Counselor. Parents are welcome to attend the Q&A. Finally at 3:00, it will be time to depart.

● When can I Shadow at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy?

- All 8th & 9th graders that have an **open application/currently applying** are welcome to schedule a visit. We host Shadow guests on Nov 7th, Dec 5th, and January 30th. Each Shadow Day takes place on Mondays, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

● How do I schedule a shadow visit?

- You will have to register on our website (www.imsa.edu) and complete the online registration. NOTE: All visits must be approved and confirmed prior to your arriving at IMSA. Once your request is submitted, a member of the Admissions team will contact you to confirm and answer any additional questions.

● What meals are provided?

- We will provide you with lunch and you will receive a lunch ticket. We ask that you eat breakfast before or you can purchase breakfast for \$5.00 (Cash only).

● Can I request a person to shadow with?

- If you know a current IMSA student you would like to shadow, please state that in your registration. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but there are no guarantees due to schedules, field trips, etc.

● What is the attire?

- Students will wear t-shirt, sweatshirt, jeans/shorts and gym shoes. Students should bring a sweater/light jacket as everyone has different tolerances of temperature.

- **When and where should I arrive for my shadow visit?**

- You should arrive by 7:45 am at our main entrance (East 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 2:15pm.

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

- Yes, we do ask that you let us know when you are registering and we will make sure your student is at the front entrance at the prescribed time.

- **What should I bring on a shadow visit?**

- Students should bring a book or homework as we will do our best to have typical classroom day. However, if there is a pop quiz or an exam, students will have the option to work or read.

- **Are phones allowed during the school day?**

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

- **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 time suitable to their schedule that will not disturb classes.

- **What other opportunities can I come and visit campus?**

- We have 2-hour tours and Preview days to come and visit campus. You will find more information here: <https://www.imsa.edu/admissions/visit-imsa/>

Have other questions?

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