

Checklist

Attend a Campus Tour – throughout the fall

Small-group tours for parents looking at Grades 1 – 5 are held on select mornings starting at 9:00 am. The entire visit lasts roughly 1½ hours. Tours are conducted by members of the Admissions Team. Because tours tend to be parent focused, we ask that parents arrange to come without their children. An Open House will be held on Friday, December 8, as an overflow event to accommodate parents who have not had an opportunity to attend a small-group tour.

Tours are by appointment only and can be scheduled online at http://wis.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry or by calling the Admissions Office at (202) 243-1815. The Primary School is located at 1690 36th Street, NW (between Reservoir and R Street). On the day of your tour, please park on the street, as all the spaces on campus are reserved for faculty. Two-hour parking is available on 36th and R Streets.

Submit an Application and Application Fee – due Friday, January 5

You will use the online Admissions Portal to manage your application process. You can complete the application and pay the application fee online at <http://wis.schooladminonline.com/portal>. Each application will require a \$75 application fee. Families who are re-applying within one calendar year pay a reduced application fee of \$50. Families applying for financial aid pay a reduced application fee of \$25.

Schedule Admissions Testing – January 6 or 20 & February 6 (if applicable)

Applicants to Grade 1 will have WIS-administered Admissions Testing in English that lasts roughly half-an-hour. A separate language screening in French or Spanish will also take place for those applicants with prior knowledge of the language. Admissions Testing will occur on Saturday, January 6 and Saturday, January 20, and the language screening will take place on Tuesday, February 6. Parents of local applicants should schedule their child's testing dates through the Admissions Portal. Out-of-town applicants who are not able to visit WIS will provide testing contact information on the Admissions Portal and we will send the Admissions tests to the student's current school.

Submit the Parent Questionnaire – due Thursday, February 1

The Parent Questionnaire helps us to get to know your child from your perspective. The form is available online on the WIS Admissions Portal.

Request a School Recommendation – due Thursday, February 1

Submit a teacher recommendation request through the Admissions Portal. You will be required to provide the email address of the applicant's current teacher. To ensure confidentiality, the teacher recommendation will be sent directly back to WIS and will not be shared with the parents or students.

Request School Grades and/or Reports – due Thursday, February 1

Parents can download a Transcript Request Form from the Admissions Portal. The form should be submitted to the applicant's current school in order to obtain the student's Kindergarten reports. The current school will mail the reports directly to WIS.

Submit WPPSI Report – due Thursday, February 1

The WPPSI-IV test or the WISC-V is required for Grade 1 applicants. Parents should upload the report directly to the Admissions Portal. See the WIS website for a list of possible local psychologists/testing sites offering the WPPSI test. Please note that it is not required that you use one of the psychologists/testing sites from the list. Parents should try to secure the WPPSI in their child's strongest language. Early scheduling is strongly encouraged to ensure that your child's test results will be available no later than Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Optional – Evaluations, Assessments, and Standardized Tests – due Thursday, February 1

Parents may choose to supplement the application by submitting teacher evaluations, assessments, or other standardized test results. Supplemental material may be uploaded to the Admissions Portal.

Optional - Parent Appointments

Parents typically meet with the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid during their small-group tour. However, occasionally parents would like to speak with the Director on an individual basis to discuss a special situation or circumstances that require a one-on-one meeting. WIS does not require parent interviews. To schedule an individual appointment, please contact the Admissions Office at (202) 243-1815.

Decision Notification – emailed on Friday, March 2

Age Cutoff

September 1 is the birthday cut-off used by WIS. Therefore, children entering Grade 1 must be six years old by September 1. Experience tells us that children are generally best placed in our program within their chronological age groups. Children whose birthday falls within one month of the cut-off are evaluated for placement.

Length of Day

Grade 1- 5 students attend school from 8:25 am to 3:35pm – except on Wednesdays, when school ends at 2:45pm. In Grade 1, children spend alternating days of academic instruction in English and French or Spanish.

Financial Aid

WIS offers need-based financial aid for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Please consult the WIS website for additional information.

Choice of Language Program

As a tool for intercultural understanding, language is an important component of the WIS curriculum. WIS graduates are proficient in at least one language in addition to English; many are functionally or fully bilingual. All students in Grades 1 through 12 study at least two languages, one of which is English. WIS does not offer an English-only program at any grade level. In Grade 1, WIS offers the following program choices:

■ **Dual-Language Program in English/French** — The program can accommodate all levels of French language learners – compete beginners to native speakers. Applicants should be proficient in either English or French.

■ **Dual-Language Program in English/Spanish** — The program can accommodate all levels of Spanish language learners – compete beginners to native speakers. Applicants should be proficient in either English or Spanish.

English Language Support — WIS also offers English as Additional Language support (EAL) for non-native speakers of English.

Parents indicate their choice of or preference for a particular language program when completing the application.

Selection Process and Criteria

WIS's goal during the application process is to form a general sense of each applicant's verbal expression, gross and fine motor skills, maturity, attention span, and academic skills foundation, and to learn a little about each applicant's personality and interests. We do this through the recommendation, the Applicant Visit, school records, the parent questionnaire, and the WPPSI test results. WIS strives for both balance and diversity in each class, in accordance with the School's mission and strategic objectives.

Late Applications – Local Families

Local families are expected to adhere to the admissions deadlines. Late applications from local families will not be considered in the first round of admissions decisions. Local families who have missed the standard admissions deadlines should contact the Admissions Office for further instructions.

Specific Information for International and Out-of-Town Applicants

International and out-of-town applicants who have missed the standard admissions deadlines should immediately contact the Admissions Office at (202) 243-1815 about space availability. The Admissions Office processes late applications from relocating families but, because of space limitations, cannot always admit qualified late applicants.

Applicant visits are encouraged, but can be waived if it is not possible for the applicant to come to Washington during the application process. If the school recommendation or school records do not provide sufficient insight into the applicant's development and progress, then an applicant video will be requested. However, it should be noted that preference will be given to applicants who have completed an Applicant Visit.

Contact Information

WIS Admissions Portal: <https://wis.schooladminonline.com/portal>

Schedule a Tour: https://wis.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

WIS Admissions Page: <https://www.wis.edu/admissions>

Admissions Office: (202) 243-1815

Admissions E-mail: admissions@wis.edu