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# WHAT IS THE ISEE?

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**Parents, if you want your children to get the best, then you should learn about this test.**

ISEE is the acronym for the Independent Schools Entrance Exam. It is a reading, reasoning, and mathematics achievement test given to all students who are interested in attending any Independent school in any state. The ISEE is also taken by international students seeking admission to American schools. Independent schools are private schools such as **Berkeley Carroll, Packer Collegiate, Poly Prep, and Brooklyn Friends** that offer both boarding and day school status to students. They are called “Independent” because they are not governed by New York State’s Board of Regents or any other state’s educational administration. These schools were founded by individuals or religious entities with various educational philosophies.

**For more information about this critical test, please contact ScholarSkills™. You can call us at (718) 258-4647 or contact us from our site [www.scholarskills.com](http://www.scholarskills.com)**

## **What’s so special about these schools?**

Independent schools offer a wide variety of academic and extracurricular services to a diverse body of students. Many schools have very small classes. Some classes have a ratio of less than ten students per teacher. Moreover, many of these schools are nationally recognized for excellence which makes it easier for their graduates to get into other prestigious academic institutions.

## **Are these schools affordable?**

Yes!!! Perhaps the greatest myth about Independent schools is that they are only for the rich or upper middle class. That’s definitely not true! These schools admit many students in need of financial aid, and offer scholarships to outstanding students.

## **How important is the ISEE exam?**

Schools value the exams at different levels and for different reasons. But students who do very well on this test are often selected first for financial aid and scholarship awards.

## **When is the ISEE given? And Who can take it?**

The test is offered at multiple times to different grade levels during the year at several locations across the city.

**ScholarSkills Learning Center's Guide to the most highly rated independent schools in NYC**

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**(as ranked by [niche.com](http://niche.com))**

1. [Horace Mann School](#), The Bronx
2. [Trinity School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
3. [Collegiate School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
4. [Regis High School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
5. [Riverdale Country School](#), The Bronx
6. [Dalton School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
7. [The Chapin School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
8. [Poly Preparatory Country Day School](#), Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn
9. [Friends Seminary](#), Gramercy Park, Manhattan

10. [Packer Collegiate Institute](#), Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn
11. [Saint Ann's School](#), Brooklyn Heights
12. [Brearley School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
13. [Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
14. [ECF - Fieldston Middle/Upper School](#), The Bronx
15. [Berkeley Carroll School](#), Park Slope, Brooklyn
16. [Convent of the Sacred Heart](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
17. [Ramaz School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
18. [Dwight School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
19. [Nightingale-Bamford School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
20. [The Spence School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
21. [Brooklyn Friends School](#), Downtown Brooklyn

22. [United Nations International School](#), Kips Bay, Manhattan
23. [Marymount School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
24. [Lycée Français de New York](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
25. [Loyola School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
26. [The Hewitt School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
27. [Dominican Academy](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
28. [Heschel High School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
29. [The Browning School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
30. [Staten Island Academy](#), Staten Island
31. [The Calhoun School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
32. [Fordham Preparatory School](#), The Bronx
33. [Trevor Day School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
34. [Grace Church School](#), NoHo, Manhattan

35. [Birch Wathen Lenox School](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
36. [SAR High School](#), The Bronx
37. [York Prep School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
38. [The Kew-Forest School](#), Forest Hills, Queens
39. [Professional Children's School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan
40. [Xavier High School](#), Chelsea, Manhattan
41. [Yeshivah of Flatbush - Joel Braverman High School](#), Midwood/Flatbush, Brooklyn
42. [Leman Manhattan Preparatory School](#), Financial District, Manhattan
43. [Manhattan High School for Girls](#), Upper East Side, Manhattan
44. [Garden School](#), Jackson Heights, Queens
45. [Xaverian High School](#), Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

46. [Yeshiva University High School for Boys](#), Washington Heights, Manhattan

47. [Razi School](#), Woodside, Queens

48. [Notre Dame School](#), West Village, Manhattan

49. [The Mary Louis Academy](#), Jamaica, Queens

50. [Robert Louis Stevenson School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan

51. [The Beekman School](#), Midtown Manhattan

52. [Brooklyn Amity School](#), Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn

53. [Fontbonne Hall Academy](#), Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn

54. [The Windsor School](#), Flushing, Queens

55. [St. Agnes Academic School](#), College Point, Queens

56. [St. Joseph Hill Academy](#), Staten Island

57. [St. Saviour High School](#), Park Slope, Brooklyn

58. [The Smith School](#), Upper West Side, Manhattan

59. [St. Vincent Ferrer High School](#), Upper East Side,  
Manhattan
60. [St. Francis Preparatory School](#), Fresh Meadows,  
Queens
61. [Bay Ridge Prep](#), Bay Ridge, Brooklyn
62. [Notre Dame Academy High School](#), Staten Island
63. [Evangel Christian School](#), Long Island City, Queens

## *Testimonials*

“My daughter's focus and appreciation of learning drastically improved within one month.”— Alexis M.

"My daughter Drew joined ScholarSkills in March 2017, and within one month her focus and appreciation of learning drastically improved. Rev. Vieira and his team were able to quickly assess the foundational skills she needed to succeed, and used that to create and implement tailored lesson plans. He worked alongside my husband and I to ensure that we understood how Drew learned best, and helped us gain better insight about her areas of strength and improvement. It is clear that Rev. Vieira is both knowledgeable and dedicated. Drew is happy, and so are we!" —The McKessey Family

“ScholarSkills is amazing and enlightening . I would recommend ScholarSkills because it provides an enjoyable learning environment that covers useful and relevant information which builds confidence in children. My children are excited about learning again. They are provided with the knowledge and understanding and rationale behind what they are learning. Mr. Vieira provides a safe, open learning environment where the children are not afraid to express their thoughts even if they may not have the right answers. He praises them which builds confidence and makes them want to try harder. — Dionne R.

“I have seen a great change in my daughter's educational development. She has a much greater sense of confidence.” —Marilyn F.

“My son did well on the ISEE. I was told about Rev Vieira and ScholarSkills through one of my friends. I scheduled an appointment with Rev. Vieira and immediately knew that his style of teaching was exactly what my son needed to do well on the ISEE EXAMS. We had a short time to work with but after my son sat through a test for a few minutes I could immediately tell his strengths and weaknesses. Rev Vieira's unorthodox style of teaching made my son want to go to tutoring and got him excited about each class.”— Andrea B.

Parents, if you have any questions about education or about our services, please contact us directly to schedule a free consultation, *and bring this newsletter with you to schedule a free evaluation of your child in math and or reading.* We are open year round, and we have tutorial enrichment programs during the summer. **Call us at (718) 258-4647 to schedule an appointment. Or visit us on the web at [www.scholarskills.com](http://www.scholarskills.com) .**



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