



INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL OF LOUISIANA

**Explore, Discover, Learn & Grow at ISL**  
***...Where every day is an adventure!***

## Mission Statement

The mission of the International School of Louisiana (ISL) is to provide a challenging education emphasizing language immersion, international awareness, the celebration of diversity and community responsibility.



## History

The International School of Louisiana (ISL) has been educating students in New Orleans for 25 years. ISL is a tuition-free public charter school serving and offering French and Spanish immersion from Kindergarten through 8th grade and Mandarin Chinese in middle school. Most ISL students leave in 8th grade as trilingual speakers. ISL was chartered before Hurricane Katrina with a focus on cultivating diversity, inclusion, and equity and continues to see a successful and thriving student population today.



## **St. Roch Campus**

(Kindergarten-2nd Grade)

French and Spanish Immersion

2518 Arts Street

New Orleans, LA 70117

Principal: Rosa Alvarado

Our St. Roch Campus is easily accessible from I-610 and I-10, between Franklin Ave. and Elysian Fields. It offers a large outdoor area with greenery, a playground, and a covered court. Inside, there's a spacious cafeteria on the first floor and a library on the third, along with an enrichment center for activities like circus arts. The campus provides a welcoming environment for both learning and play.

## **Uptown Campus**

(3rd-8th Grade)

French and Spanish Immersion

1400 Camp Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

Principal:

Laura Adelman-Cannon Ph.D.

Our Uptown Campus is located in the Lower Garden District across from Coliseum Square, it is just a short walk away from the artsy neighborhood of Magazine Street and minutes from a streetcar (trolley) ride down St. Charles Avenue. This facility includes an outdoor play area and field, covered outdoor seating areas, a cottage, and a spacious cafeteria and stage.

## **Westbank Campus**

(Kindergarten-5th Grade)

Spanish Immersion

502 Olivier Street

New Orleans, LA 70114

Principal: Brandon Ferguson

Our Westbank Campus is located in the picturesque New Orleans neighborhood of Algiers Point. Nestled in the Historic Algiers Point neighborhood, it is just minutes away from a ferry ride across the river. Our facility includes an outdoor playground and a spacious cafeteria area where our students can enjoy recreational activities.

# About ISL



## Our ISL Community

Today, the International School of Louisiana (ISL) educates students in Kindergarten through 8th grade across three campuses located at St. Roch (K-2), Uptown (3-8), and the Westbank (K-5). Our commitment to diversity is evident in both our teacher and student populations. ISL employs over 200 staff members who come from 33 countries, are fluent in 26 different languages, and work together to educate approximately 1100 students (38% African American, 33% Latinx/Hispanic, 26% White, 2% Asian/Pacific and 1% American Indian).

## Language Immersion

From their first day of school, ISL students learn core academic subjects in either French or Spanish. They learn a second language naturally through everyday conversation and classroom instruction. Over 75% of students enter ISL at Kindergarten from English-speaking homes and leave the 8th grade as bilingual or sometimes trilingual speakers. ISL offers a full immersion experience in French or Spanish (Kindergarten through 8th grade), as well as Mandarin Chinese in middle school.

## Professional Development

At ISL, we celebrate diversity and take community responsibility seriously. It is integral to our mission and a force that drives our work. ISL provides training and professional development opportunities for educators. Our goal is to educate our faculty and staff to continue to create an intentionally integrated and inclusive school community.



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**INTERNATIONAL  
PERSPECTIVE**

ISL teachers and staff develop tools to encourage deep connection among children despite their differences and teach students how to honor them. We continue to look for more opportunities to learn and equip our staff with the resources and tools needed to ensure the mission of ISL is executed and honored daily.

## Our Accolades

- Voted #1 Best Grammar School by Gambit Weekly Readers
- Top rated statewide by the community in Niche report
- Only Louisiana school to be named a “Charter School of the Year” by the Center for Education Reform, the nation’s leading education advocacy organization
- Among the first Louisiana State Certified Immersion Schools
- Only full Spanish language immersion school in the metro area
- Won the COSEBOC Excellence in Education award for the effective elimination of the achievement gap for boys of color
- Honoree of the 2015 Public Education Award for Exemplary Language Immersion Education



# Admissions

ISL takes part in the NOLA Public Schools' Common Application Process (NCAP, formerly known as OneApp). Students from any Louisiana parish can attend ISL.

**Apply at: [www.EnrollNolaPS.com](http://www.EnrollNolaPS.com)**



## Eligibility Requirements

### For Kindergarten and 1st Grade:

No experience with French or Spanish is required.\*

A language assessment is required for all first-grade applicants who apply after September 1, as part of the admissions process.

### For 2nd - 8th Grade:

Students must already read, write, speak, and understand French or Spanish. A language assessment is required prior to admission.

## Transportation

Your child does not have to live in Orleans Parish to attend ISL. In order to qualify for transportation, students must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in Orleans parish;
- Reside more than (1) mile from the student's campus;
- Agree to read, understand, and abide by the ISL Transportation Handbook.

ISL provides Yellow Bus Service for eligible students in grades Kindergarten through 5th, as well as RTA Bus Passes for eligible students in grades 6th through 8th.

If you have questions about transportation please reach out to ISL's Student Transportation Department at [transportation@isl-edu.org](mailto:transportation@isl-edu.org).



*\* 1st grade students who apply after September 1st of their 1st grade year must already read, write, speak and understand French or Spanish. A language assessment is required prior to admissions.*

## Dates to Remember

- EnrollNOLA PS Application Details
- Main Round Opens: November 4, 2024
- Main Round Closes: January 24, 2025

Contact ISL with questions or  
to Schedule a Tour



## Open House:

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

Eastbank and Westbank Campus: 10:00 am

- **Eastbank Kindergarten:**  
**(504) 934-4875**  
Genesis Rodas, grodas@isl-edu.org
- **Westbank Kindergarten:**  
**(504) 274-4571**  
Danielle Hebert, dhebert@isl-edu.org

## Contacts & Resources

### Applications

To apply: [www.EnrollNOLAPS.com](http://www.EnrollNOLAPS.com)

The NOLA PS Family Resource Centers Help Desk:

<https://nolapublicschools.supportsystem.com/open.php>

Phone: 504-910-8500

### Admissions and Registration

Contact ISL Admissions:

- Email: [Admissions@isl-edu.org](mailto:Admissions@isl-edu.org)
- Phone: 504-229-4391



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