

## PLANNING TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

# ISEE LOWER

STUDENTS APPLYING TO  
PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
GRADES 5 & 6

### MARCH - MAY

#### Research options and begin planning

- Research prep options (classes, tutoring, etc.). Ask about the materials, the instructors, and the company's experience.
- Begin making a shortlist of schools that interest your family. Ask trusted sources for the inside scoop on academics, activities, and reputation.
- Understand application requirements and deadlines.

### SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

#### Begin prep program

- Begin studying! Do all your homework. Ask questions!
- Continue studying. Work on pacing and do timed practice. Get extra help if the material isn't sticking.
- Take proctored, reputable practice tests. Learn from results and adjust study plan as needed.

### DECEMBER (IF NEEDED)

#### Take Official Test #2

- Finalize studies & sit for Official Test #2. Adjust study plan based on Official Test #1 results.
- Receive results from Official Test #2. Send your best score report to schools before application deadline.

### JUNE - AUGUST

#### Use the summer to get ahead

- Enroll in a comprehensive prep program. Confirm the curriculum and materials used. Ask about the syllabus and plan. Understand dates, times, and policies.
- In August, register for autumn Official Test dates! **TIP:** Register ASAP - testing dates & times get booked up early. **REMEMBER:** You can ONLY take ONE Official Test per testing window!

### NOVEMBER

#### Take Official Test #1

- Sit for Official Test #1. Good luck!
- Receive results from Official Test #1. Send results to school, or continue studying for Official Test #2.
- Attend school interviews & submit school applications (deadlines vary).